

Sap Comments (CDC)

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To whom it may concern:

Thank you for considering comments on the select agents list.

The idea of stratifying risk and associating rules for handling agents according to that risk is a good idea. I would suggest three strata of risk:

- 1) Safety and bioterror threats high (e.g., Ebola)
 - a. To be regulated at the highest level
 - b. Laboratory handling only by certified personnel trained in safety
 - c. Restricted to certified facilities
- 2) Safety threat low, but bioterror threat high (e.g., anthrax)
 - a. Regulated only in consequence
 - b. Laboratory handling by any researcher or technician satisfying institutional training requirements
 - c. No restriction on facilities, except for appropriate biosafety level and registration
- 3) Toxins
 - a. Regulated only in consequence
 - b. Laboratory handling supervised by institutional safety personnel
 - c. No restrictions on facilities except for registration

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