

AMENDMENT TO EXTEND JANUARY 24, 2003 DECLARATION REGARDING  
ADMINISTRATION OF SMALLPOX COUNTERMEASURES

I. POLICY DETERMINATION: The underlying policy determinations of the January 24, 2003 declaration continue to exist, including the heightened concern that terrorists may have access to the smallpox virus and attempt to use it against the American public and U.S. Government facilities abroad.

II. AMENDMENT OF DECLARATION: I, Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, have concluded, in accordance with the authority vested in me under section 224(p)(2)(A) of the Public Health Service Act, that a potential bioterrorist incident makes it advisable to extend the January 24, 2003 declaration regarding administration of smallpox countermeasures until and including January 23, 2005. The January 24, 2003, declaration as hereby amended may be further amended as circumstances require.

III. DEFINITIONS: The definitions of the January 24, 2003 declaration are deleted; terms that are used in the declaration and that are defined in section 224(p) of the Public Health Service Act shall have the meanings given in those definitions.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATES: This extension is effective January 24, 2004 until and including January 23, 2005. The effective period may be extended or shortened by subsequent amendment to the January 24, 2003, declaration as hereby amended.

Dated: JAN 21 2004



Tommy G. Thompson

Secretary