

# Impact of the Select Agent Rule on Veterinary Laboratories

- ❑ **New SA Rule added agencies, labs, agents, activities**
  - Coordination required
  - Phases useful but deadlines difficult to meet
- ❑ **The rule is expensive to implement**
  - Zoning in University settings
  - Retrofitting older facilities
  - BSL-3 space for storage and use is limited
  - Security equipment, personnel, recordkeeping
- ❑ **7-Day provision impairs function**
  - Restricts full work-ups, characterization
  - More definition on “threshold of identification” needed

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## ❑ Exclusions and exemptions are helpful

Exclusions for fixed tissue and genetic elements

Exemptions for vaccine/QC control strains and diagnostic specimens

More 'advertisement' of exemptions needed

## ❑ Rule helps increase attention on the biosafety and biosecurity of the agents

Specialists hired or focused

Chain of custody, shipping addressed concurrently

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## ❑ Inspections

Have gone well for the most part  
More training of inspectors needed  
Checklist needs refinement  
Double-inspection is a concern

## ❑ Personnel

Clearance procedures are slow  
Accompaniment is difficult (esp. in biocontainment)

## ❑ Associated activities

Permits for movement need streamlining