

Erratum: 2017 Annual Report of the Federal Select Agent Program

In the [2017 Annual Report of the Federal Select Agent Program](#), first published online in December 2018:

- On page 5, the second sentence of the first paragraph in the section “Report of the Identification of a Select Agent or Toxin” should have read: “FSAP received **890** APHIS/CDC Form 4s in 2017: AgSAS received 62; DSAT received **828**.”
- On page 21, the first paragraph in the section “Exclusions” should have read: “In 2017, FSAP received **4** requests to exclude attenuated select agent strains or less potent/toxic forms of select toxins. **Three** of the **four** requests were approved and excluded based on results demonstrating they no longer had a potential to pose a threat to public health and safety, animal health or animal products, and plant health or plant products (Table 7). The **one** exclusion request that **was** denied **was** due to insufficient data to demonstrate attenuation. A detailed list of all excluded select agent strains can be found at [Select Agents and Toxins Exclusions](#).”
- On page 21, Table 7 was updated to remove the eight listed avian influenza strains. These avian influenza strains are being removed from the exclusion list because these strains were considered low pathogenic strains of avian influenza virus, which are not regulated under the select agent regulations. The following table should be substituted for the current Table 7:

Table 7. Summary of requests for exclusions by entity type, select agent, and approval status, 2017.

Entity Type	Select Agent	Decision Status
Academic	Δ asd mutants—4 <i>B. mallei</i> and 9 <i>B. pseudomallei</i> mutants	Approved
Academic	<i>B. pseudomallei</i> 576a strain (Δ asd mutant)	Approved
Academic	Genetically modified, non-toxic BoNT/B (E231Q/R370A/Y373F)	Denied due to insufficient data to demonstrate attenuation
Academic	<i>B. pseudomallei</i> strain 576mn	Approved

- On page 25, the first sentence of the third paragraph in the section “Report of the Identification of a Select Agent or Toxin” should have read: “DSAT received and processed **828** APHIS/CDC Form 4As in 2017 to report the identification of BSAT as a result of diagnosis or verification.”
- On page 26, Table 8 was updated to change the one “*Brucella melitensis*” isolate from the “**Animal Specimens**” column to the “**Human Specimens**” column due to a data entry error. Also, the “**Newcastle Disease Virus**” row was removed from Table 8 due to DSAT and AgSAS both mistakenly counting Newcastle Disease Virus submission as two submissions instead of one. All total numbers in the table were adjusted accordingly. The following table should be substituted for the current Table 8:

Table 8. Top BSAT Reported to DSAT on Form 4A by Isolate Type, 2017.

Agent/Toxin	Animal Specimens	Environmental Samples	Food Sample	Human Specimens	Total
Botulinum neurotoxins	44	0	2	123	169
<i>Francisella tularensis</i>	53	0	0	90	143
Botulinum producing species of <i>Clostridium</i>	23	0	1	96	120
<i>Brucella melitensis</i>	0	0	0	89	89
Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus (Including genomic material)	46	29	0	1	76
<i>Brucella abortus</i>	52	0	0	12	64
<i>Brucella suis</i>	24	0	0	32	56
<i>Coxiella burnetii</i>	41	0	0	3	44
<i>Yersinia pestis</i>	19	2	0	6	27
<i>Burkholderia pseudomallei</i>	4	2	0	20	26
Total	306	33	3	472	814

This erratum was issued on April 8, 2020