BUMED NOTICE 6210

From: Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: CERTIFICATION OF MEDICAL SUPPORT FOR BIOLOGICAL SELECT AGENTS AND TOXINS

Ref: (a) DoD Instruction 5210.88 of 26 May 2020
     (b) DoD Directive 5101.20E of 25 January 2019
     (c) OPNAVINST 5530.16A
     (d) BUMEDINST 6210.5

Encl: (1) Example Letter of Designation

1. Purpose. To provide guidance for training and certification of biological select agents and toxins (BSAT) to competent medical authorities (CMA) per references (a) through (d).

2. Scope and Applicability. This notice applies to Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Commands (NAVMEDREADTRNCMD) and Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Units (NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT) that provide medical support and medical surveillance to commands possessing BSAT, including, but not limited to, laboratories and storage located on United States Navy installations.

3. Background

   a. Per reference (a), individuals with access to Tier 1 BSAT, or whose duties afford access to registered entities, will be screened for suitability and reliability through the Biological Personnel Reliability Program (BPRP) process. Reference (b) designates the Secretary of the Army as the Department of Defense (DoD) Executive Agent for the DoD BSAT Biosafety and Biosecurity Program. The Secretary of the Army exercises this authority through the Surgeon General of the Army.

   b. Reference (c) assigns commanders and directors of BSAT facilities the responsibility to ensure a CMA is available for medical support to the BPRP. BSAT facilities may be located on a Navy installation. BPRP members will require support through the NAVMEDREADTRNCMD or NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT on that installation. NAVMEDREADTRNCMDs and NAVMEDREADTRNUNITs on those installations must have certified and designated CMAs.
4. **Roles and Responsibilities**

   a. **Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) Director, Fleet Programs (BUMED-M35)** will:

      (1) Review, advise, and provide input for medical aspects of the security standards and processes for safeguarding BSAT medical support.

      (2) Prepare and route a designation letter for the BUMED BPRP BSAT CMA community manager, for signature by Chief, BUMED.

      (3) Develop online training and issue certifications to CMAs. Training for BSAT BPRP is available at [https://intelshare.intelink.gov/sites/jko/prp/sitepages/home.aspx](https://intelshare.intelink.gov/sites/jko/prp/sitepages/home.aspx).

      (4) Maintain a current listing of qualified NAVMEDREADTRNCMD and NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT CMAs specifically certified and designated for BSAT BPRP.

   b. **Commander, Naval Medical Forces Atlantic and Naval Medical Forces Pacific** will: ensure compliance with training requirements and certification of CMAs.

   c. **Commanders, Commanding Officers, and Officers in Charge, NAVMEDREADTRN-CMDs and NAVMEDREADTRNUNITs** will:

      (1) Ensure installations with a Tier 1 BSAT program are supported by certified and designated CMAs.

      (2) Support training of CMAs to address initial screenings, continuous evaluation, and provide recommendations to the certifying official, responsible official, and reviewing official at the BSAT command.

      (3) Designate CMAs in writing and forward electronically to BUMED BPRP CMA community manager, BUMED-M35.

      (4) CMAs must complete testing and certification requirements located at [https://intelshare.intelink.gov/sites/jko/prp/sitepages/home.aspx](https://intelshare.intelink.gov/sites/jko/prp/sitepages/home.aspx).

5. **Records Management**

   a. Records created as a result of this notice, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules located on the Department of

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this notice, or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the Department of the Navy Directorate for Administration, Logistics, and Operations, Directives and Records Management Division program office.

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EXAMPLE LETTER OF DESIGNATION

From: Commanding Officer, Name of Facility
To: Competent Medical Authority Candidate’s Name

Subj: DESIGNATION AS BIOLOGICAL SELECT AGENTS AND TOXINS PERSONNEL RELIABILITY PROGRAM COMPETENT MEDICAL AUTHORITY

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1. Per reference (a), you are hereby designated as a Biological Select Agents and Toxins Personnel Reliability Program competent medical authority. As a competent medical authority, you will familiarize yourself and comply with the requirements outlined in references (a) through (d).

2. You are hereby authorized to review medical, dental, and mental health records, and provide medical surveillance and evaluations in support of the Biological Select Agents and Toxins Personnel Reliability Program. This designation letter certifies that you are licensed for independent practice or are supervised by a physician licensed for independent practice and have successfully completed the training and qualifications.

3. This designation letter remains in effect until revoked by higher authority or upon detachment from your present command.

4. Command point of contact is name of contact, telephone number, and e-mail.

Commanding Officer or Activity Head

Copy to:
BUMED BPRP CMA Community Manager (Fleet Programs, BUMED-M35)
*Supported command’s certifying official and responsible official*