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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE  
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

SUBJECT: Materiel Disposition Policy Change for Specific High Risk Laboratory Equipment

My office directed a review of the Department of Defense (DoD) disposition policies for laboratory equipment that could be used to produce biological agents. This review was directed as part of the Department's ongoing assessment of materiel disposition policies in order to protect national security.

The restrictions imposed by this policy memorandum take into account the results of the internal review of laboratory equipment; an assessment of DoD Laboratory Equipment by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA); and independent risk assessments of DoD Laboratory Equipment by Intellectual Capital Group, LLC (ICG). The equipment categories to which these restrictions apply are listed in the attachment.

To mitigate future security risk with disposition of this high risk laboratory equipment items, I direct Defense Logistics Agency, in coordination with the Military Departments, to implement the following procedures. These controls apply to excess Medical, Dental, and Veterinary Equipment and Supplies/Federal Supply Group (FSG) 65 and other Instruments and Laboratory Equipment (FSG 66), which are identified specifically on the DoD Buzz Word Lab Equipment List (Attached):

- Restrict the availability of the specified excess laboratory equipment to reutilization within DoD (including Reserve Components).
- Release the specified excess laboratory equipment to authorized Foreign Military Sales programs, other Federal Agencies, and designated Special Programs only pursuant to approved procedures.
- Destroy all of the impacted laboratory equipment upon completion of the internal Reutilization/Transfer assessments to prevent release to the public.
- The Military Services must also turn-in the specified excess laboratory equipment to DRMS for destruction as expeditiously as possible with the appropriate and viable priority.



These items may not be batchlotted; and may not be donated or sold through the disposal process. All items in FSGs 65 and 66 that are not identified in the categories in the attachment should be processed in accordance with the current batchlot, reutilization, transfer, donation, and sale processes.

This guidance shall be included in the next update of the DoD 4160.21-M. If you have questions regarding this policy change, contact Paul Blackwell, on my staff, at 703-604-0098, Extension 202 or Paul.Blackwell@osd.mil.

  
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Attachment:  
As stated