

BIOTERRORISM
Statement of Facts
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Bioterrorism. The recent terrorist attacks in the United States have caused enforcement and investigation agencies to review the likelihood of future terrorist attacks. One type of terrorist attack is the use of biological agents, commonly referred to as bioterrorism. Because MicroBioLogics replicates, produces, and distributes microorganisms, it will be placed under scrutiny. The following statement of facts will eliminate any concern.

Customers. Microbiology laboratories around the world support, monitor, and improve upon community health and safety. These laboratories perform tests to detect and identify disease-producing microorganisms in samples from humans, animals, food, beverages, water, air, soil, drugs, medications, medical devices, cosmetics and etc. These laboratories play a critical role which carries both a responsibility and a requirement. Each laboratory must demonstrate and document proficiency in performing the test methods they provide. It is common practice, and often mandated by statute, to use known reference microorganisms to establish satisfactory performance. These laboratories are the customers that purchase MicroBioLogics' microorganism products.

Microorganism Risk Groups. Microorganisms vary in their ability to cause serious disease in an individual; the ease with which the infection can be transmitted from one individual to another and expose a community to risk, and; the manner in which it responds to effective treatment and available preventive measures.

The World Health Organization (WHO) maintains a list of microorganisms known to produce disease. The list is divided into four Risk Groups. Risk Group 1 carries the least threat with no, or very low, individual or community risk. In contrast, Risk Group 4 carries the highest threat with high individual and community risk. MicroBioLogics replicates, produces, and distributes **ONLY** Risk Group 1 and Risk Group 2 Microorganisms.

Shipment of Microorganisms. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) regulates the domestic and international shipping requirements for microorganisms in full accord with WHO. For the purpose of transportation, the microorganisms are classified as "infectious substances" or "biohazardous materials". MicroBioLogics meets all the biohazardous container, packing material, shipping boxes, and declaration requirements for the Risk Group 1 and Risk Group 2 microorganisms it distributes. MicroBioLogics also does not ship into countries listed on the USA Embargo List or USA Politically Unstable List, as maintained by the United States Department of Commerce.

Biosecurity. The term "biosecurity" is commonly used to identify and define the containment facility and the personnel within the facility that store, handle, process and dispose of microorganisms. There is a close correlation between Risk Groups and Biosecurity Levels. Biosecurity Level I carries the least restrictions and Biosecurity Level IV carries the greatest restrictions regarding containment and safety precautions. MicroBioLogics practices appropriate biosecurity measures in its own facilities. MicroBioLogics will continue to distribute or sell only to qualified distributors or legally identified laboratories with facilities and properly trained personnel to store, handle, process and dispose of the microorganism products in a responsible manner.

Should any questions arise regarding these statements, please contact MicroBioLogics.
Thank you for extending the opportunity to MicroBioLogics to continue to serve your needs.

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