

## 42 C.F.R. § 73.1

## Definitions.

For purposes of this part:

Administrator means the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, or any person authorized to act for the Administrator.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) means the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Attorney General means the Attorney General of the United States or any person authorized to act for the Attorney General.

*Biological agent* means any microorganism (including, but not limited to, bacteria, viruses, fungi, rickettsiae, or protozoa), or infectious substance, or any naturally occurring, bioengineered, or synthesized component of any such microorganism or infectious substance, capable of causing death, disease, or other biological malfunction in a human, an animal, a plant, or another living organism; deterioration of food, water, equipment, supplies, or material of any kind; or deleterious alteration of the environment.

CDC means Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Conotoxins means short, paralytic alpha conotoxins containing the following amino acid sequence  $X_1CCX_2PACGX_3X_4X_5X_6CX_7$ , whereas:

(1) C = Cysteine residues are all present as disulfides, with the 1st and 3rd Cysteine, and the 2nd and 4th Cysteine forming specific disulfide bridges; (2) The consensus sequence includes known toxins  $\alpha$ -MI and  $\alpha$ -GI (shown above) as well as  $\alpha$ -GIA, Ac1.1a,  $\alpha$ -CnIA,  $\alpha$ -CnIB; (3)  $X_1$  = any amino acid(s) or Des-X; (4)  $X_2$  = Asparagine or Histidine; (5) P = Proline; (6) A = Alanine; (7) G = Glycine; (8)  $X_3$  = Arginine or Lysine; (9)  $X_4$  = Asparagine, Histidine, Lysine, Arginine, Tyrosine, Phenylalanine or Tryptophan; (10)  $X_5$  = Tyrosine, Phenylalanine, or Tryptophan; (11)  $X_6$  = Serine, Threonine, Glutamate, Aspartate, Glutamine, or Asparagine; (12)  $X_7$  = Any amino acid(s) or Des X; and (13) "Des X" = "an amino acid does not have to be present at this position." For example if a peptide sequence were XCCHPA then the related peptide CCHPA would be designated as Des-X.

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