

## Report on Research Compliance Volume 19, Number 9. August 25, 2022 USDA Implements Changes to Reduce Paperwork

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The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act doesn't impact the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as much as the NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, <sup>[1]</sup> but it does require USDA to take steps to reduce the regulatory burden on institutions conducting research involving animals that fall under the agency's purview, a top official said. <sup>[2]</sup>

Elizabeth Theodorson, assistant deputy administrator of animal care at the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, told attendees at a recent webinar that USDA is implementing the act to cut red tape. Specifically, she said, the agency:

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