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Kristen Haas, DVM
President
United States Animal Health Association
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Dear Dr. Haas:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Select Agents and Toxins List and the accompanying resolution of the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) requesting removal *Brucella abortus*, *B. melitensis*, and *B. suis* from the list.

As you may know, the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 requires the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to review and republish the Select Agents and Toxins List on a biennial basis. We have already begun that review. Once completed, we expect to publish an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) in the *Federal Register* asking for public input, including whether any of the current select agents should be removed from the list. I encourage you and USAHA to submit comments in response to the ANPRM.

CDC commends USAHA for working to protect animal and public health.

Thank you, again, for your letter. If you have any questions or additional concerns, please contact Dr. Samuel Edwin, Director, Division of Select Agents and Toxins, CDC, at (404) 718-2001 or SEdwin@cdc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert R. Redfield MD".

Robert R. Redfield, MD
Director, CDC