



<p>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE</p> <p>USDA</p> <p>OFFICIAL WARNING NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION</p>	CASE NUMBER: AR230001
	ALLEGED VIOLATOR: BERTEK INC.
	ADDRESS (<i>City, State, ZIP Code</i>): GREENBRIER, AR 72058
<p>The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following alleged violation(s) of Federal laws:</p> <p>Date of Alleged Violation: August 24, 2022</p> <p>9 C.F.R. § 2.31(e) Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).</p> <p>A proposal to conduct an activity involving animals, or to make a significant change in an ongoing activity involving animals, must contain the following:</p> <p>Identification of the species and the approximate number of animals to be used;</p> <p>A rationale for involving animals, and for the appropriateness of the species and numbers of animals to be used;</p> <p>A complete description of the proposed use of the animals;</p> <p>A description of procedures designed to assure that discomfort and pain to animals will be limited to that which is unavoidable for the conduct of scientifically valuable research, including provision for the use of analgesic, anesthetic, and tranquilizing drugs where indicated and appropriate to minimize discomfort and pain to animals; and</p> <p>A description of any euthanasia method to be used.</p>	

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) published federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the alleged violation(s) described above. This Official Warning is not to be construed as a final agency action, or as an adjudicated finding of a violation. If APHIS obtains evidence of any future violation of these federal regulations, APHIS may pursue civil penalties, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions for this alleged violation(s) and for any future violation(s). If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or alleged violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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