UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE	CASE NUMBER: NJ230002
	ALLEGED VIOLATOR: Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC
OFFICIAL WARNING **NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION**	ADDRESS (*City, State, ZIP Code*): Rahway, NJ 07065

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:

Date of Alleged Violation: August 17, 2022

9 C.F.R. § 3.80(a)(2)(iii) Primary enclosures.

Primary enclosures for nonhuman primates must meet the following minimum requirements:

General requirements.

Primary enclosures must be constructed and maintained so that they:

Contain the nonhuman primates securely and prevent accidental opening of the enclosure, including opening by the animal.

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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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