

**AMENDMENT TO RULES**  
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At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following  
new section:

1 **SEC. 10\_\_\_ . ZOOBOTIC DISEASE INTERVENTIONS ENABLED**  
2 **BY DOMESTIC BIOLOGIC MANUFACTURING**  
3 **ENHANCEMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
5 carry out the following:

6 (1) Field-based interventions to reduce zoonotic  
7 disease risks on lands controlled by the Department  
8 of Defense targeting animal vectors and reservoirs—

9 (A) including rodent-targeted oral vaccines,  
10 wildlife-administered biologics, and biologic-  
11 based or eco-friendly vector suppression tech-  
12 nologies; and

13 (B) implemented at a scale that dem-  
14 onstrates measurable impact on reservoir and  
15 vector populations or pathogen prevalence.

16 (2) Development activities to translate zoonotic  
17 disease interventions intended for use only in disease  
18 reservoirs or vectors from research to deployment,

1 including field trials, regulatory testing and ap-  
2 proval, and manufacturing process development and  
3 scale-up.

4 (b) DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING PREFERENCE.—In  
5 carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary shall ensure  
6 that—

7 (1) interventions support the establishment, ex-  
8 pansion, or modernization of U.S.-based manufac-  
9 turing facilities capable of producing biologics re-  
10 quired for zoonotic disease interventions;

11 (2) Facilities are linked to intervention products  
12 authorized under this section to ensure direct appli-  
13 cability to operational needs of the Department; and

14 (3) investments prioritize reducing reliance on  
15 foreign supply chains and enhancing readiness for  
16 rapid deployment of countermeasures.

17 (c) REGULATORY COORDINATION.—The Secretary  
18 shall coordinate with relevant Federal and State agencies  
19 to ensure that such agencies—

20 (1) develop and implement expedited regulatory  
21 pathways for the approval and deployment of bio-  
22 logic intervention tools focused on animal-based  
23 zoonotic disease control; and

24 (2) ensure regulatory frameworks align with en-  
25 vironmental, wildlife, and public health standards

1 while enabling timely response to threats affecting  
2 military health and readiness.

3 (d) PREFERENCE FOR VETERAN-OWNED OR LO-  
4 CALLY OWNED PROVIDERS.—Whenever feasible, the Sec-  
5 retary shall ensure that—

6 (1) the Department shall emphasize sub-con-  
7 tracting all interventions with veteran-owned or  
8 other locally owned providers that possess the nec-  
9 essary equipment and personnel capability; and

10 (2) such providers adhere to all applicable regu-  
11 lations.

12 (e) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary  
13 shall submit an annual report to the congressional defense  
14 committees that details the following:

15 (1) Outcomes, including measurable reductions  
16 in infection prevalence.

17 (2) Progress in late-stage product development  
18 and deployment activities.

19 (3) Status and capacity of domestic biologic  
20 manufacturing supported under this section, includ-  
21 ing its linkage to deployed interventions.

22 (4) Recommendations for improving regulatory,  
23 operational, and supply chain frameworks to en-  
24 hance zoonotic disease prevention.

