

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 776/2006**of 23 May 2006****amending Annex VII to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards Community reference laboratories****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 32(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 lays down the general tasks, duties and requirements for Community reference laboratories for food and feed and for animal health. The Community reference laboratories are listed in Annex VII to that Regulation. That list contains all Community reference laboratories for feed and food that were previously designated in other acts.
- (2) The designation of Community reference laboratories should contribute to a high quality and uniformity of analytical results.
- (3) The activities of Community reference laboratories should cover all the areas of feed and food law and animal health, in particular those areas where there is a need for precise analytical and diagnostic results.
- (4) In a number of sectors where Community legislation on food, feed and animal health applies, there is a need to designate additional Community reference laboratories in areas where they do not yet exist and, in particular, with regard to foot-and-mouth disease, Brucellosis, *Listeria monocytogenes*, Coagulase positive Staphylococci, *Escherichia coli*, including Verotoxigenic *E. coli* (VTEC), *Campylobacter*, parasites (in particular *Trichinella*, *Echi-*

nococcus, *Anisakis*), antimicrobial resistance, animal proteins in feedingstuffs, pesticides residues, Mycotoxins in food and feed, heavy metals in food and feed, dioxins and PCBs in food and feed and Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH).

- (5) In July 2005 the Commission launched a call for the selection and designation of new Community reference laboratories. The evaluation of the applications was completed in December 2005 and the results were notified to the competent authorities of the Member States concerned. Following that evaluation the Commission considers it appropriate to designate as new Community reference laboratories the successful candidates within each field.
- (6) It is necessary to update certain specific information regarding the existing Community reference laboratories in Annex VII to Regulation (EC) 882/2004.
- (7) Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee of the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex VII to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 23 May 2006.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 165, 30.4.2004, p. 1. Corrected by OJ L 191, 28.5.2004, p. 1.

ANNEX

Annex VII to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 is replaced by the following:

'ANNEX VII

COMMUNITY REFERENCE LABORATORIES**I. Community reference laboratories for feed and food**

1. Community reference laboratory for milk and milk products
AFSSA — Laboratoire d'études et de recherches sur la qualité des aliments et sur les procédés agroalimentaires (LERQAP)
F-94700 Maisons-Alfort
France
2. Community reference laboratories for the analysis and testing of zoonoses (salmonella)
Rijksinstituut voor Volksgezondheid en Milieu (RIVM)
3720 BA Bilthoven
The Netherlands
3. Community reference laboratory for the monitoring of marine biotoxins
Agencia Española de Seguridad Alimentaria (AESA)
E-36200 Vigo
Spain
4. Community reference laboratory for monitoring the viral and bacteriological contamination of bivalve molluscs
The laboratory of the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS)
Weymouth
Dorset DT4 8UB
United Kingdom
5. Community reference laboratory for *Listeria monocytogenes*
AFSSA — Laboratoire d'études et de recherches sur la qualité des aliments et sur les procédés agroalimentaires (LERQAP)
F-94700 Maisons-Alfort
France
6. Community reference laboratory for Coagulase positive *Staphylococci*, including *Staphylococcus aureus*
AFSSA — Laboratoire d'études et de recherches sur la qualité des aliments et sur les procédés agroalimentaires (LERQAP)
F-94700 Maisons-Alfort
France
7. Community reference laboratory for *Escherichia coli*, including Verotoxigenic *E. Coli* (VTEC)
Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS)
I-00161 Roma
Italy

8. Community reference laboratory for *Campylobacter*
Statens Veterinärmedicinska Anstalt (SVA)
S-751 89 Uppsala
Sweden

9. Community reference laboratory for parasites (in particular *Trichinella*, *Echinococcus* and *Anisakis*)
Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS)
I-00161 Roma
Italy

10. Community reference laboratory for antimicrobial resistance
Danmarks Fødevareforskning (DFVF)
DK-1790 København V
Denmark

11. Community reference laboratory for animal proteins in feedingstuffs
Centre wallon de recherches agronomiques (CRA-W)
B-5030 Gembloux
Belgium

12. Community reference laboratories for residues of veterinary medicines and contaminants in food of animal origin
 - (a) For the residues listed in Annex I, Group A 1, 2, 3, 4, Group B 2(d) and Group B 3(d) to Directive 96/23/EC
Rijksinstituut voor Volksgezondheid en Milieu (RIVM)
3720 BA Bilthoven
The Netherlands

 - (b) For the residues listed in Annex I, Group B 1 and B 3(e) to Directive 96/23/EC and carbadox and olaquinox
Laboratoire d'études et de recherches sur les médicaments vétérinaires et les désinfectants
AFSSA — site de Fougères
BP 90203
France

 - (c) For the residues listed in Annex I, Group A 5 and Group B 2(a), (b), (e) to Directive 96/23/EC
Bundesamt für Verbraucherschutz und Lebensmittelsicherheit (BVL)
D-12277 Berlin
Germany

 - (d) For the residues listed in Annex I, Group B 3(c) to Directive 96/23/EC
Istituto Superiore di Sanità
I-00161 Roma
Italy

13. Community reference laboratory for transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs)

The laboratory referred to in Annex X, Chapter B to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001

The Veterinary Laboratories Agency
Woodham Lane
New Haw
Addlestone
Surrey KT15 3NB
United Kingdom

14. Community reference laboratory for additives for use in animal nutrition

The laboratory referred to in Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition ⁽¹⁾

The Joint Research Centre of the European Commission
Geel
Belgium

15. Community reference laboratory for genetically modified organisms (GMOs)

The laboratory referred to in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on genetically modified food and feed ⁽²⁾

The Joint Research Centre of the European Commission
Ispra
Italy

16. Community reference laboratory for material intended to come into contact with foodstuffs

The Joint Research Centre of the European Commission
Ispra
Italy

17. Community reference laboratories for residues of pesticides

(a) Cereals and feedingstuffs

Danmarks Fødevareforskning (DFVF)
DK-1790 København V
Denmark

(b) Food of animal origin and commodities with high fat content

Chemisches und Veterinäruntersuchungsamt (CVUA) Freiburg
Postfach 100462
D-79123 Freiburg
Germany

(c) Fruits and vegetables, including commodities with high water and high acid content

Laboratorio Agrario de la Generalitat Valenciana (LAGV)
Grupo de Residuos de Plaguicidas de la Universidad de Almería (PRRG)
LAGV: E-46100 Burjassot-Valencia
PRRG: E-04120 Almería
Spain

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 29. Regulation as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 378/2005 (OJ L 59, 5.3.2005, p. 8).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 1.

(d) Single residue methods

Chemisches und Veterinäruntersuchungsamt (CVUA) Stuttgart
Postfach 1206
D-70702 Fellbach
Germany

18. Community reference laboratory for heavy metals in feed and food

The Joint Research Centre of the European Commission
Geel
Belgium

19. Community reference laboratory for Mycotoxins

The Joint Research Centre of the European Commission
Geel
Belgium

20. Community reference laboratory for Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH)

The Joint Research Centre of the European Commission
Geel
Belgium

21. Community reference laboratory for dioxins and PCBs in feed and food

Chemisches und Veterinäruntersuchungsamt (CVUA) Freiburg
Postfach 100462
D-79123 Freiburg
Germany

II. Community reference laboratories for animal health and live animals

1. Community reference laboratory for classical swine fever

The laboratory referred to in Council Directive 2001/89/EC of 23 October 2001 on Community measures for the control of classical swine fever ⁽³⁾.

2. Community reference laboratory for African horse sickness

The laboratory referred to in Council Directive 92/35/EEC of 29 April 1992 laying down control rules and measures to combat African horse sickness ⁽⁴⁾.

3. Community reference laboratory for avian influenza

The laboratory referred to in Council Directive 2005/94/EC of 20 December 2005 on Community measures for the control of avian influenza and repealing Directive 92/40/EEC ⁽⁵⁾.

4. Community reference laboratory for Newcastle disease

The laboratory referred to in Council Directive 92/66/EEC of 14 July 1992 introducing Community measures for the control of Newcastle disease ⁽⁶⁾.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 316, 1.12.2001, p. 5. Directive as amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 157, 10.6.1992, p. 19. Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 10, 14.1.2006, p. 16.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 260, 5.9.1992, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003.

5. Community reference laboratory for swine vesicular disease

The laboratory referred to in Council Directive 92/119/EEC of 17 December 1992 introducing general Community measures for the control of certain animal diseases and specific measures relating to swine vesicular disease ⁽⁷⁾.

6. Community reference laboratory for fish diseases

The laboratory referred to in Council Directive 93/53/EEC of 24 June 1993 introducing minimum Community measures for the control of certain fish diseases ⁽⁸⁾.

7. Community reference laboratory for bivalve mollusc diseases

The laboratory referred to in Council Directive 95/70/EC of 22 December 1995 introducing minimum Community measures for the control of certain diseases affecting bivalve molluscs ⁽⁹⁾.

8. Community reference laboratory for monitoring the effectiveness of rabies vaccination

The laboratory referred to in Council Decision 2000/258/EC of 20 March 2000 designating a specific institute responsible for establishing the criteria necessary for standardising the serological tests to monitor the effectiveness of rabies vaccines ⁽¹⁰⁾.

9. Community reference laboratory for bluetongue

The laboratory referred to in Council Directive 2000/75/EC of 20 November 2000 laying down specific provisions for the control and eradication of bluetongue ⁽¹¹⁾.

10. Community reference laboratory for African swine fever

The laboratory referred to in Council Directive 2002/60/EC of 27 June 2002 laying down specific provisions for the control of African swine fever and amending Directive 92/119/EEC as regards Teschen disease and African swine fever ⁽¹²⁾.

11. Community reference laboratory for zootechnics

The laboratory referred to in Council Decision 96/463/EC of 23 July 1996 designating the reference body responsible for collaborating in rendering uniform the testing methods and the assessment of the results for pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species ⁽¹³⁾.

12. Community reference laboratory for foot-and-mouth disease

The laboratory referred to in Council Directive 2003/85/EC of 29 September 2003 on Community measures for the control of foot-and-mouth disease repealing Directive 85/511/EEC and Decisions 89/531/EEC and 91/665/EEC and amending Directive 92/46/EEC ⁽¹⁴⁾.

13. Community reference laboratory for Brucellosis

AFSSA — Laboratoire d'études et de recherches en pathologie animale et zoonoses
F-94700 Maisons-Alfort
France

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 69. Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 175, 19.7.1993, p. 23. Directive as amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ L 332, 30.12.1995, p. 33. Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ L 79, 30.3.2000, p. 40. Decision as amended by Commission Decision 2003/60/EC (OJ L 23, 28.1.2003, p. 30).

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ L 327, 22.12.2000, p. 74.

⁽¹²⁾ OJ L 192, 20.7.2002, p. 27. Directive as last amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.

⁽¹³⁾ OJ L 192, 2.8.1996, p. 19.

⁽¹⁴⁾ OJ L 306, 22.11.2003, p. 1. Directive as amended by Commission Decision 2005/615/EC (OJ L 213, 18.8.2005, p. 14).