

COMMISSION DECISION
of 10 January 2003
amending Council Directive 85/511/EEC as regards the lists of laboratories authorised to handle
live foot-and-mouth disease virus

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2003/11/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 85/511/EEC of 18 November 1985 introducing Community measures for the control of foot-and-mouth disease ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 13(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The cessation of routine vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease virus in the Community in 1991 has increased the susceptibility of Community herds to this disease. It is therefore essential to ensure that laboratories which handle the virus do so under secure conditions, to avoid the dissemination of the virus which might endanger the Community herds.
- (2) Directive 85/511/EEC lists the national and commercial laboratories authorised to handle the live foot-and-mouth disease virus. That Directive requires those laboratories to comply with the minimum standards recommended by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations.
- (3) Certain Member States have decided to discontinue the handling of the foot-and-mouth disease virus in certain laboratories, while other Member States have provided the necessary guarantees that the required standards are complied with by laboratories which they have approved

for that purpose. In addition, the details of certain laboratories listed in Directive 85/511/EEC have changed.

- (4) It is therefore necessary to update the lists of laboratories as set out in Annexes A and B to Directive 85/511/EEC.
- (5) Directive 85/511/EEC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annexes A and B to Council Directive 85/511/EEC are replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 10 January 2003.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 315, 26.11.1985, p. 11.

ANNEX

‘ANNEX A

Commercial laboratories authorised to handle live foot-and-mouth disease virus for vaccine production

GERMANY	Bayer AG, Köln
FRANCE	Merial, SAS, Laboratoire IFFA, Lyon
NETHERLANDS	CIDC-Lelystad, Central Institute for Animal Disease Control, Lelystad
UNITED KINGDOM	Merial, SAS, Pirbright Laboratory, Pirbright

ANNEX B

National laboratories authorised to handle live foot-and-mouth disease virus

BELGIUM	Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre CODA-CERVA-VAR, Uccle
DENMARK	Danish Veterinary Institute, Department of Virology, Lindholm
GERMANY	Bundesforschungsanstalt für Viruskrankheiten der Tiere — Anstaltsteil Tübingen — Anstaltsteil Friedrich Loeffler Institute, Insel Riems
GREECE	Ινστιτούτο Αφθώδους Πυρετού Αγία Παρασκευή Αττικής
SPAIN	Laboratorio Central de Sanidad Animal INIA (CSIA-INIA), Valdeolmos, Madrid
FRANCE	Agence française de sécurité sanitaire des aliments (AFSSA) — Laboratoire d'études et de recherches en pathologie bovine et hygiène des viandes, Lyon — Laboratoire d'études et de recherches en pathologie animale et zoonoses, Maison- Alfort
ITALY	Istituto zooprofilattico sperimentale della Lombardia e dell'Emilia Romagna, Brescia
NETHERLANDS	CIDC-Lelystad, Central Institute for Animal Disease Control, Lelystad
AUSTRIA	Österreichische Agentur für Gesundheit und Ernährungssicherheit Veterinärmedizinische Untersuchungen Mödling
UNITED KINGDOM	Institute for Animal Health, Pirbright'