

Commission Decision of 25 April 2008 amending Annex XI to Council Directive 2003/85/EC as regards the list of laboratories authorised to handle live foot-and-mouth disease virus (notified under document number C(2008) 1577) (Text with EEA relevance) (2008/339/EC)

COMMISSION DECISION

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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to 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<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 67(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive 2003/85/EC sets out minimum control measures to be applied in the event of an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease and certain preventive measures aimed at increasing the awareness and preparedness of the competent authorities and the farming community concerning that disease.
- (2) The preventive measures set out in Directive 2003/85/EC include the provision that Member States are to ensure that the handling of live foot-and-mouth disease virus for research, diagnosis or manufacture is carried out only in approved laboratories listed in Annex XI to that Directive.
- (3) Part A of Annex XI to Directive 2003/85/EC lists national laboratories authorised to handle live foot-and-mouth disease virus for research and diagnostic purposes.
- (4) Denmark has officially informed the Commission of changes relating to the administration of its national reference laboratory for foot-and-mouth disease.
- (5) Latvia and Slovenia have officially informed the Commission that their respective national reference laboratories are no longer considered to meet the security standards laid down in Article 65(d) and should therefore be deleted from the list in Part A of Annex XI to Directive 2003/85/EC.

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- (6) The Netherlands have officially informed the Commission of changes relating to the name of their national reference laboratory for foot-and-mouth disease.
- (7) For security reasons it is important to keep the list of laboratories authorised to handle live foot-and-mouth disease virus in Directive 2003/85/EC updated.
- (8) Accordingly, it is necessary to replace the list of laboratories authorised to handle live foot-and-mouth disease virus in Part A of Annex XI to Directive 2003/85/EC by the list set out in the Annex to this Decision.
- (9) 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*

In Annex XI to Directive 2003/85/EC, Part A is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

*Article 2*

The Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 25 April 2008.

*For the Commission*

Androulla VASSILIOU

*Member of the Commission*

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ANNEX

PART A

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

Member State where laboratory is located		Laboratory	Member States using the services of laboratory
ISO code	Name		
AT	Austria	Österreichische Agentur für Gesundheit und Ernährungssicherheit Veterinärmedizinische Untersuchungen Mödling	Austria
BE	Belgium	Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre CODA-CERVA-VAR Uccle	Belgium Luxembourg
BG	Bulgaria	Национален диагностичен научноизследователски ветеринарно-медицински институт Проф. д-р Георги Павлов, Национална референтна лаборатория Шап и везикулозна болест по свинете (National Diagnostic Veterinary Research Institute Prof. Dr. Georgi Pavlov, National Reference Laboratory for Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Swine Vesicular Diseases)	Bulgaria
CZ	Czech Republic	Státní veterinární ústav Praha, Praha	Czech Republic
DE	Germany	Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut Bundesforschungsinstitut für Tiergesundheit,	Germany Slovakia

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		Greifswald - Insel Riems	
DK	Denmark	Danmarks Tekniske Universitet, Veterinærinstituttet Afdeling for Virologi, Lindholm Danish Technical University, Veterinary Institute, Department of Virology, Lindholm	Denmark Finland Sweden
EL	Greece	Ινστιτούτο αφθώδους πυρετού, Αγία Παρασκευή Αττικής	Greece
ES	Spain	Laboratorio Central de Sanidad Animal, Madrid	Spain
FR	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, Maisons-Alfort	France
HU	Hungary	Országos Állategészségügyi Intézet (OAI), Budapest	Hungary
IT	Italy	Istituto zooprofilattico sperimentale della Lombardia e	Italy Cyprus

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		dell'Emilia-Romagna, Brescia	
LT	Lithuania	Nacionalinė veterinarijos laboratorija, Vilnius	Lithuania
NL	Netherlands	Central Veterinary Institute of Wageningen UR, Lelystad	Netherlands
PL	Poland	Zakład Pryszczycy Państwowego Instytutu Weterynaryjnego – Państwowego Instytutu Badawczego, Zduńska Wola	Poland
RO	Romania	Institutul de Diagnostic și Sănătate Animală, București	Romania
UK	United Kingdom	Institute for Animal Health, Pirbright	United Kingdom Estonia Finland Ireland Latvia Malta Slovenia Sweden

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- (1) [OJ L 306, 22.11.2003, p. 1](#). Directive as last amended by Directive 2006/104/EC ([OJ L 363, 20.12.2006, p. 352](#)).

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