

SCHEDULE 3

Article 11(11)

Criteria for confirming the disease

1. Disease virus has been isolated from an animal, any product derived from that animal, or its environment.

2. Clinical signs consistent with the disease are observed in a susceptible animal, and the viral antigen or viral ribonucleic acid (RNA) specific to one or more of the serotypes of the disease virus has been detected and identified in samples collected from the animal or animals of the same epidemiological group.

3. Clinical signs consistent with the disease are observed in a susceptible animal and the animal or its cohorts have tested positive for antibody to the disease virus structural or non structural proteins, provided that previous vaccination, residual maternal antibodies or non-specific reactions can be excluded as possible causes of seropositivity.

4. Viral antigen or viral RNA specific to one or more of the serotypes of the disease virus has been detected and identified in samples collected from susceptible animals and the animals are positive for antibody to disease virus structural or non-structural proteins, provided that in the case of antibodies to structural proteins previous vaccination, residual maternal antibodies or non-specific reactions can be excluded as possible causes of seropositivity.

5. An epidemiological link has been established to infected premises and at least one of the following conditions applies—

- (a) one or more animals are positive for antibody to the disease virus structural or non-structural proteins, provided that previous vaccination, residual maternal antibodies or non-specific reactions can be excluded as possible causes of seropositivity;
- (b) viral antigen or viral RNA specific to one of the serotypes of the disease virus has been detected and identified in samples collected from one or more susceptible animals;
- (c) serological evidence of active infection with the disease has been established in one or more susceptible animals, and previous vaccination, residual maternal antibodies or non-specific reactions can be excluded as possible causes of seropositivity by detection of seroconversion from negative to positive for antibody to the disease virus structural or non structural proteins (where a previous seronegative status cannot reasonably be expected, carried out in paired samples collected from the same animals on two or more occasions at least 5 days apart, in the case of structural proteins, and at least 21 days apart, in the case of non-structural proteins);
- (d) clinical signs consistent with the disease are observed in a susceptible animal.