COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 776/2006  
of 23 May 2006  
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, Echino
coccus, 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
Markos KYPRIANOU
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

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

ANNEX VII

COMMUNITY REFERENCE LABORATORIES

1. 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 olaquindox
        Laboratoire d'études et de recherches sur les médicaments vétérinaires et les désinfectants
        AFSSA — site de Fougeres
        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
        Instituto 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 Joint Research Centre of the European Commission
Geel
Belgium

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


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

II. Community reference laboratories for animal health and live animals

1. Community reference laboratory for classical swine fever

2. Community reference laboratory for African horse sickness

3. Community reference laboratory for avian influenza

4. Community reference laboratory for Newcastle disease

5. Community reference laboratory for swine vesicular disease

6. Community reference laboratory for fish diseases

7. Community reference laboratory for bivalve mollusc diseases

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

10. Community reference laboratory for African swine fever

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 collaboratting 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

13. Community reference laboratory for Brucellosis
    AFFSA — Laboratoire d'études et de recherches en pathologie animale et zoonoses
    F-94700 Maisons-Alfort
    France

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