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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 March 2001

authorising laboratories to check the effectiveness of vaccination against rabies in certain domestic carnivores

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2001/296/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to 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 [1], and in particular Article 5(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Council Directive 92/65/EEC [2] provides for an alternative system to quarantine for the entry of certain domestic carnivores into the territory of certain Member States free from rabies. That system requires checks on the effectiveness of the vaccination of those animals by titration of antibodies.

(2) The AFSSA Laboratory in Nancy, France, by Decision 2000/258/EC was designated as the institute responsible for establishing the criteria necessary for standardising the serological tests to monitor the effectiveness of rabies vaccination.

(3) A proficiency testing procedure has been established for rabies antibody titration of vaccinated domestic carnivores in the context of alternative measures to quarantine.

(4) The AFSSA Laboratory, Nancy, has to operate the established proficiency testing procedure to appraise laboratories for approval to perform serological tests on certain carnivores vaccinated against rabies.

(5) Several Member States have submitted applications for approval of laboratories to perform analyses to check the effectiveness of vaccination against rabies in certain domestic carnivores.

(6) The AFSSA Laboratory, Nancy, has made an appraisal of the applications received from the Member States and sent the result of this appraisal to the Commission.

(7) The Commission can draw up a list, based on appraisal results, of laboratories authorised to carry out serological titration on carnivores vaccinated against rabies.

(8) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The laboratories presented by Member States and authorised to perform analyses to check the effectiveness of vaccination against rabies in certain domestic carnivores are listed in the Annex.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 29 March 2001.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 79, 30.3.2000, p. 40.
[2] OJ L 268, 14.9.1992, p. 54.

ANNEX

NAMES OF LABORATORIES

Belgium

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   Frankfurter Straße 107
   D-35392 Giessen

2. Eurovir Hygiene-Institut
   Dr. Thraenhart
   Biotechnologiepark
   D-14943 Luchenwalde

3. Landesuntersuchungsamt für das Gesundheitswesen Südbayern
   Veterinärstraße 2
   D-85764 Oberschleißheim

Greece

Centre of Athens Veterinary Institutions Virus Department
25, Neapoleos Str
GR-153 10 Ag. Paraskevi, Athens

Spain

Laboratorio Central de Veterinaria de Santa Fe
Camino del Jau s/n
E-18320 Santa Fe (Granada))

France

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   Domaine de Pixérécourt
   B.P. 9
   F-54220 Malzeville

2. Laboratoire Vétérinaire Départemental de Haute Garonne
   78 rue Boudou
   F-31140 Launaguet

3. Laboratoire Départemental de la Sarthe
   128 rue de Beaugé
   F-72018 Le Mans CEDEX 2

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1. Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie
   Via Romea 14/A
   I-35020 Legnaro (PD)

2. Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise
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