COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 8 October 2004

amending Decision 2004/233/EC as regards the list of laboratories authorised to check the effectiveness of vaccination against rabies in certain domestic carnivores

(notified under document number C(2004) 3686)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2004/693/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 3 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Decision 2000/258/EC designated the laboratory of the Agence française de sécurité sanitaire des aliments de Nancy (the AFSSA laboratory, Nancy), France as the institute responsible for establishing the criteria necessary for standardising the serological tests to monitor the effectiveness of rabies vaccines. That Decision also provides for the AFSSA laboratory, Nancy to send to the Commission the list of Community laboratories to be authorised to carry out those serological tests. Accordingly, the AFSSA laboratory, Nancy operates the established proficiency testing procedure to appraise laboratories for authorisation to perform the serological tests.

(2) Commission Decision 2004/233/EC of 4 March 2004 authorising laboratories to check the effectiveness of vaccination against rabies in certain domestic carnivores [2] established a list of approved laboratories in the Member States on the grounds of the results of the proficiency tests communicated by the AFSSA laboratory, Nancy.

(3) Three laboratories, respectively in the Netherlands, Poland and Portugal, have been approved by the AFSSA laboratory, Nancy, in compliance with Decision 2000/258/EC.

(4) Accordingly, it is appropriate to add those three laboratories to the list of approved laboratories in the Member States as established in the Annex to Decision 2004/233/EC.

(5) In addition, following the request of Germany, certain amendments should be made to the addresses of two German laboratories.

(6) Furthermore, following the request of Slovenia, the name of the diagnostic laboratory in that Member State should be amended.

(7) Decision 2004/233/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(8) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

[1] OJ L 79, 30.3.2000, p. 40. Decision as amended by Commission Decision 2003/60/EC (OJ L 23, 28.1.2003, p. 30).

[2] OJ L 71, 10.3.2004, p. 30. Decision as amended by Decision 2004/448/EC (OJ L 155, 30.4.2004, p. 84, as corrected in OJ L 193, 1.6.2004, p. 64).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex I to Decision 2004/233/EC is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 8 October 2004.

For the Commission
David BYRNE
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

'ANNEX I

NAMES OF LABORATORIES

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   Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen
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   D-35392 Gießen

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   Im Biotechnologiepark
   D-14943 Luckenwalde

3. Bayrisches Landesamt für Gesundheit und Lebensmittelsicherheit
   Dienststelle Oberschleißheim
   Veterinärstraße 2
   D-85764 Oberschleißheim

4. Landesamt für Verbraucherschutz Sachsen-Anhalt
   Fachbereich 4
   Veterinäruntersuchungen und -epidemiologie
   Haferbreiter Weg 132-135
   D-39576 Stendal

5. Staatliches Veterinäruntersuchungsamt
   Zur Taubeneiche 10-12
   D-59821 Arnsberg

6. Institut für epidemiologische Diagnostik
   Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut
   Bundesforschungsinstitut für Tiergesundheit
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(ES) SPAIN

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(FI) FINLAND

National Veterinary and Food Research Institute
PL 45
FIN-00581 Helsinki

(FR) FRANCE

1. AFSSA Nancy
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   F-54220 Malzeville

2. Laboratoire vétérinaire départemental de la Haute-Garonne
   78, rue Boudou
   F-31140 Launaguet

3. Laboratoire départemental de la Sarthe
   128, rue de Beaugé
   F-72018 Le Mans Cedex 2

4. Laboratoire départemental d'analyses du Pas-de-Calais
   Parc des Bonnettes
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(IT) ITALY

1. Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie
   Via Romea 14/A
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2. Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise
   Via Campio Boario
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3. Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale del Lazio e della Toscana
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Nota: Regularly updated details of contact persons, fax and telephone numbers and e-mail addresses concerning the above laboratories can be found on

http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/approval_en.htm.'