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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/426/EEC of 26 June 1990 on animal health conditions governing the movement and import from third countries of equidae[(1)], and in particular Article 19(iv) thereof,

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[(2)], and in particular Article 32(5) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Directive 90/426/EEC lays down animal health conditions for the movement between Member States and importation into the Community from third countries of live equidae.

(2) In accordance with Article 19(iv) of Directive 90/426/EEC, the Commission may designate a Community reference laboratory for one or more of the diseases of equidae listed in Annex A to that Directive. In addition, it provides for the functions, tasks and procedures regarding collaboration with laboratories responsible for diagnosing infectious diseases of equidae in the Member States to be stipulated by the Commission.

(3) Following the completion of a selection procedure, the successful laboratory, Agence Française de Sécurité Sanitaire des Aliments (AFSSA), with its research laboratories for animal pathology and zoonoses, Maisons-Alfort and for equine pathology and diseases, Dozulé, France, should be designated as the Community reference laboratory for equine diseases other than African horse sickness, for a period of five years from 1 July 2008.

(4) 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 for animal health and live animals are listed in Chapter II of Annex VII to that Regulation. The designated Community reference laboratory for equine diseases other than African horse sickness should be included in that list.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 180/2008. (See end of Document for details)*

(5) Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(6) 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:

[F1 Article 1

1 Agence nationale de sécurité sanitaire de l'alimentation, de l'environnement et du travail (ANSES) with its laboratories for animal health and equine diseases, France, is hereby designated as the EU Reference Laboratory for equine diseases other than African horse sickness from 1 July 2008 to **[**F2 30 June 2023**]**.

2 The functions, tasks and procedures regarding collaboration with laboratories responsible for diagnosing infectious diseases of equidae in the Member States of the EU Reference Laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 are set out in the Annex to this Regulation.**]**

Textual Amendments

F1 Substituted by Commission Regulation (EU) No 208/2011 of 2 March 2011 amending Annex VII to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Regulations (EC) No 180/2008 and (EC) No 737/2008 as regards lists and names of EU reference laboratories (Text with EEA relevance).

F2 Substituted by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/793 of 10 May 2017 amending Regulation (EC) No 180/2008 as regards extending the period of designation of the EU Reference Laboratory for equine diseases other than African horse sickness (Text with EEA relevance).

Article 2

In Chapter II of Annex VII to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, the following point 14 is added:

14. Community reference laboratory for equine diseases other than African horse sickness

AFSSA — Laboratoire d'études et de recherches en pathologie animale et zoonoses/Laboratoire d'études et de recherche en pathologie équine

F-94700 Maisons-Alfort

France.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th 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.

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 180/2008. (See end of Document for details)*

ANNEX

Functions, tasks and procedures of the Community reference laboratory for equine diseases other than the African horse sickness regarding collaboration with laboratories responsible for diagnosing infectious diseases of equidae in the Member States

Without prejudice to the general functions and duties of Community Reference Laboratories in the animal health sector pursuant to Article 32(2) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, the Community reference laboratory (CRL) for equine diseases other than African horse sickness shall have the following duties and functions:

1. The CRL shall ensure liaison between the national/central laboratories of the Member States for equine diseases, or with branches of diagnostic laboratories dealing with individual pathogens or groups of pathogens of the equine diseases listed in Annex A to Directive 90/426/EEC and referred to in Annex D(II)(A) to Directive 92/65/EEC, with the exception of African horse sickness, where necessary, specifically by:

   (a) being at the forefront of the equine industry in close contact with the relevant structures for race and competition horses, in order to:

      (i) ensure an early warning, estimate and where possible predict the risk evolving from emerging diseases and particular epidemiological situations;

      (ii) monitor the disease situation globally and regionally by regularly receiving field samples from Member States and third countries geographically or commercially linked to the Community in terms of trade in equidae or products derived from such animals;

   (b) typing and antigenic and genomic characterisation of pathogens, where relevant and necessary, for example for epidemiological follow-ups or verification of diagnosis, from the samples referred to in point (a)(ii), and

      (i) communicating without delay the results of such investigations to the Commission, the Member State and the national/central laboratory concerned;

      (ii) determining the identity of the causative pathogens, where necessary in close collaboration with regional reference laboratories designated by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE);

   (c) building up and maintaining an up-to-date collection of pathogens and their strains and an up-to-date collection of specific sera against equine diseases;

   (d) being entrusted to carry out an inventory of the currently used techniques in the various laboratories in order to:

      (i) propose standardised tests and test procedures or reference sera for internal quality control;

      (ii) develop new diagnostic procedures to make imports of equidae safer and exports of equidae more competitive;

   (e) advising the Commission on all aspects related to equine diseases listed in Annex A to Directive 90/426/EEC or referred to in Annex D(II)(A) to Directive 92/65/EEC or subject to other Community animal health