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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, Echinococcus, 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

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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

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ANNEX

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

‘ANNEX VII

COMMUNITY REFERENCE LABORATORIES

I. 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 *Staphylococccus aureus*

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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

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(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 Fougères

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 laboratory referred to in Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition[(2)]

The Joint Research Centre of the European Commission

Geel

Belgium

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

The laboratory referred to in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on genetically modified food and feed[(3)]