Regime on labs performing rabies antibody titration

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Regime before AHL on labs performing rabies antibody titration

- **Non-commercial movements**
- Regulation (EU) 576/2013 (annex IV, point 2.c)
- “(c) must be performed in a laboratory approved in accordance with Article 3 of Decision 2000/258/EC;”

- **Imports (of dogs, cats, ferrets)**
- Council Directive 92/65/EEC
- Import conditions must be at least those laid down in Regulation 576/2013

Regime under AHL on labs performing rabies antibody titration

- **Non-commercial movements**
- Regulation (EU) 576/2013 (annex IV, point 2.c)
- “(c) must be performed in a laboratory approved in accordance with Article 3 of Decision 2000/258/EC;”
- Decision 2000/258 was repealed by AHL
  - Consequence: no new labs can be approved

- **Entry**
- Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692

Regime under AHL-DR (EU) 2020/692

- Labs where tests can be performed

Article 9

Sampling, laboratory tests and other tests

Consignments of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin shall only be permitted to enter the Union if sampling, laboratory tests and other tests required by this Regulation have been carried out:

(c) in an official laboratory, designated in accordance with Article 37 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.

Upcoming changes

- COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) …/... of 21.11.2023 amending Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 576/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the validity requirements for the rabies antibody titration tests for dogs, cats and ferrets (C(2023) 7658 final)
  - Align the requirements for non-commercial movements from third countries to those already in force for entry into the EU
  - In accordance with the new regime: tests can be performed
    - In an official laboratory in a Member State (MS) or Third Country (TC) of EEA designated in accordance with Article 37 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 for the performance of the rabies antibody titration test and for which the competent authority has provided to the Commission its name and contact details;
    - In an official laboratory in a TC listed for dogs, cats and ferrets (Annex VIII to IR 2021/404) designated by the competent authority of the third country meeting the requirements laid down in Article 37(4) and (5) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 for the performance of the rabies antibody titration test and for which the competent authority has provided to the Commission its name and contact details

Actions

Member States

- Unless the CA of MS inform the Commission that labs listed at Approved rabies serology laboratories - EU Countries - European Commission (europa.eu) are no longer designated, they will be considered as designated for the performance of the rabies antibody titration test

Third countries

- The Commission contacted third countries to
  - Verify if labs listed at Non-EU Countries - European Commission (europa.eu) are designated by the competent authority
  - Inform TC listed in Annex VIII to IR 2021/404 of the possibility of designating labs

Timeline

- objection period elapsed on 22 January 2024
- Enter into force: expected in February 2024, 20 days following the OJ publication
- MS to inform the Commission by 15 of February 2024 of
  - changes in designated labs
  - Update (if any) of the contact details (phone, e-mail, website, etc)

Thank you

European Commission