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Article 100

Designation of national reference laboratories

1. Member States shall designate one or more national reference laboratories for each European Union reference laboratory designated in accordance with Article 93(1).

Member States may designate a national reference laboratory also in the cases where there is no corresponding European Union reference laboratory.

A Member State may designate a laboratory situated in another Member State or in a third country that is a Contracting Party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

2. A single laboratory may be designated as a national reference laboratory for more than one Member State.

The requirements provided for in point (e) of Article 37(4), Article 37(5), Article 39 and Article 42(1), points (a) and (b) of Article 42(2) and Article 42(3) shall apply to national reference laboratories.

By way of derogation from point (e) of Article 37(4), for the area governed by the rules referred to in point (g) of Article 1 (2), competent authorities may designate official laboratories, designated as such by the competent authorities on the basis of a derogation adopted under Article 41, as national reference laboratories irrespective of whether they fulfil the condition provided for in point (e) of Article 37(4).

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Article 101

Responsibilities and tasks of national reference laboratories

National reference laboratories shall, in their area of competence:

(a) collaborate with the European Union reference laboratories, and participate in training courses and in inter-laboratory comparative tests organised by these laboratories;

(b) coordinate the activities of official laboratories designated in accordance with Article 37(1) with a view of harmonising and improving the methods of laboratory analysis, test or diagnosis and their use;

(c) where appropriate, organise inter-laboratory comparative testing or proficiency tests between official laboratories, ensure an appropriate follow-up of such tests and inform the competent authorities of the results of such tests and follow-up;

(d) ensure the dissemination to the competent authorities and official laboratories of information that the European Union reference laboratory supplies;

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