



Case definition

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Article 9(2)

- The competent authority shall classify an animal or a group of animals, as a confirmed case of a listed disease or of an emerging disease when:
 - the disease agent has been isolated, **or**
 - an antigen or nucleic acid specific to the disease agent has been identified **plus** clinical signs or an epidemiological link with a suspected or confirmed case, **or**
 - a positive result from an indirect diagnostic method **plus** clinical signs or an epidemiological link with a suspected or confirmed case

Responsibility (and flexibility) for competent authorities

- The confirmation of a disease according to its case definition is the **responsibility** of the competent authority
- Avoid to **automatically** classify “false positive” tests as a confirmed case exclusively based on lab results (except isolation)
- Establishing an epidemiological link needs active involvement of the competent authority
 - may be established when the disease is known to be present in wild animals
 - a positive test leads (or may lead) to a suspected case, and a second positive test in the herd may lead to a confirmed case (epidemiological link to a suspected case, even within the same establishment)

Thank you



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