

Directive 2003/99/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 November 2003 on the monitoring of zoonoses and zoonotic agents, amending Council Decision 90/424/EEC and repealing Council Directive 92/117/EEC

CHAPTER VI  
**LABORATORIES**

*Article 10*

**Community and national reference laboratories**

- 1 One or more Community reference laboratories for the analysis and testing of zoonoses and zoonotic agents and antimicrobial resistance related thereto may be designated in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 12(2).
- 2 Without prejudice to the relevant provisions of Decision 90/424/EEC, the responsibilities and tasks of the Community reference laboratories, in particular with regard to coordination of their activities and those of the national reference laboratories, shall be laid down in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 12(2).
- 3 Member States shall designate national reference laboratories for each field where a Community reference laboratory has been established and inform the Commission thereof.
- 4 Certain responsibilities and tasks of the national reference laboratories, in particular with regard to coordination of their activities and those of relevant laboratories in the Member States, may be laid down in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 12(2).