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- Article 1 The Annex to Decision 2002/253/EC is replaced by the Annex...
Article 2 This Decision is addressed to the Member States.
Signature

ANNEX

EXPLANATION OF THE SECTIONS USED FOR THE
DEFINITION AND CLASSIFICATION OF CASES

Clinical criteria

Laboratory criteria

Epidemiological criteria and epidemiological link

Case classification

Possible case

Probable case

Confirmed case

Laboratory-confirmed case with clinical criteria

Laboratory-confirmed case with unknown clinical criteria

Laboratory-confirmed case without clinical criteria

ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) AND HUMAN
IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) INFECTION...

- Clinical criteria (AIDS)
- Laboratory criteria (HIV)
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
 - A. Possible case
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ANTHRACIS (*Bacillus anthracis*)
Clinical criteria

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Cutaneous anthrax
 Gastrointestinal anthrax
 Inhalational anthrax
 Meningeal/meningoencephalitic anthrax

Laboratory criteria
 Epidemiological criteria
 Case classification
 A. Possible case
 B. Probable case
 C. Confirmed case

AVIAN INFLUENZA A/H5 OR A/H5N1 IN HUMANS

Clinical criteria
 Laboratory criteria
 Epidemiological criteria
 Case classification
 A. Possible case
 B. Probable case
 C. Nationally confirmed case
 D. WHO confirmed case

BOTULISM (*Clostridium botulinum*)

Clinical criteria
 Food-borne and wound botulism
 Infant botulism
 Laboratory criteria
 Epidemiological criteria
 Case classification
 A. Possible case
 B. Probable case
 C. Confirmed case

BRUCELLA (*Bruceella* spp.)

Clinical criteria
 Laboratory criteria
 Epidemiological criteria
 Case classification
 A. Possible case
 B. Probable case
 C. Confirmed case

CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS (*Campylobacter* spp.)

Clinical criteria
 Laboratory criteria
 Epidemiological criteria
 Case classification
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CHLAMYDIAL INFECTION (*Chlamydia trachomatis*) INCLUDING
 LYMPHOGRANULOMA VENEREUM (LGV) Clinical criteria Any

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Clinical criteria

Chlamydial infection non-LGV

LGV

Laboratory criteria

Chlamydial infection non-LGV

LGV

Epidemiological criteria

Case classification

A. Possible case

B. Probable case

C. Confirmed case

CHOLERA (*Vibrio cholerae*)

Clinical criteria

Laboratory criteria

Epidemiological criteria

Case classification

A. Possible case

B. Probable case

C. Confirmed case

VARIANT CREUTZFELDT-JAKOB DISEASE (VCJD)

Preconditions

Clinical criteria

Diagnostic criteria

Diagnostic criteria for case confirmation:

Diagnostic criteria for a probable or a possible case:

Epidemiological criteria

Case classification

A. Possible case

B. Probable case

C. Confirmed case

CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS (*Cryptosporidium* spp)

Clinical criteria

Laboratory criteria

Epidemiological criteria

Case classification

A. Possible case

B. Probable case

C. Confirmed case

DIPHTHERIA (*Corynebacterium diphtheriae* and *Corynebacterium ulcerans*)

Clinical criteria

Respiratory diphtheria:

Nasal diphtheria:

Cutaneous diphtheria:

Diphtheria of other sites:

Laboratory criteria

Epidemiological criteria

Case classification

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- A. Possible case
- B. Probable case
- C. Confirmed case

ECHINOCOCCOSIS (Echinococcus spp)

- Clinical criteria
- Diagnostic criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
 - A. Possible case
 - B. Probable case
 - C. Confirmed case

SHIGA/VERO TOXIN PRODUCING ESCHERICHIA COLI INFECTION (STEC/VTEC)

- Clinical criteria
 - STEC/VTEC diarrhoea
 - HUS
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
 - A. Possible case of STEC-associated HUS
 - B. Probable case of STEC/VTEC
 - C. Confirmed case of STEC/VTEC

GIARDIASIS (Giardia lamblia)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
 - A. Possible case
 - B. Probable case
 - C. Confirmed case

GONORRHOEA (Neisseria gonorrhoeae)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
 - A. Possible case
 - B. Probable case
 - C. Confirmed case

HAEMOPHILUS MENINGITIS (Haemophilus meningitis) INVASIVE DISEASE

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological link
- Case Classification
 - A. Possible case
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HEPATITIS A (Hepatitis A Virus)

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- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
- A. Possible case
- B. Probable case
- C. Confirmed case

HEPATITIS B (HBV) (Hepatitis B virus)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
- A. Possible case
- B. Probable case
- C. Confirmed case

HEPATITIS C (HCV) (Hepatitis C virus)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
- A. Possible case
- B. Probable case
- C. Confirmed case

INFLUENZA (Influenza virus)

- Clinical criteria
 - Influenza-like illness (ILI)
 - Acute respiratory infection (ARI)
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
- A. Possible case
- B. Probable case
- C. Confirmed case

LEGIONNAIRES DISEASE (Legionella spp)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
- A. Possible case
- B. Probable case
- C. Confirmed case

LEPTOSPIROSIS (Leptospira interrogans)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
- A. Possible case
- B. Probable case

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C. Confirmed case

LISTERIA (Listeria monocytogenes)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Additional information
- Case classification
 - A. Possible case
 - B. Probable case
 - C. Confirmed case

MALARIA (Plasmodium spp.)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
 - A. Possible case
 - B. Probable case
 - C. Confirmed case

MEASLES (Measles virus)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
 - A. Possible case
 - B. Probable case
 - C. Confirmed case

MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE, INVASIVE (Neisseria meningitidis)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
 - A. Possible case
 - B. Probable case
 - C. Confirmed case

MUMPS (Mumps virus)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
 - A. Possible case
 - B. Probable case
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PERTUSSIS (Bordetella pertussis)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification

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- A. Possible case
- B. Probable case
- C. Confirmed case

PLAGUE (*Yersinia pestis*)

- Clinical criteria
 - Bubonic plague:
 - Septicaemic plague:
 - Pneumonic plague:
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
 - A. Possible case
 - B. Probable case
 - C. Confirmed case

PNEUMOCOCCAL INVASIVE DISEASE(S) (*Streptococcus pneumoniae*)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
 - A. Possible case
 - B. Probable case
 - C. Confirmed case

POLIOMYELITIS (*Polyo*)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
 - A. Possible case
 - B. Probable case
 - C. Confirmed case

Q FEVER (*Coxiella burnetii*)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
 - A. Possible case
 - B. Probable case
 - C. Confirmed case

RABIES (*Lyssa virus*)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
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RUBELLA (*Rubella virus*)

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- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
- A. Possible case
- B. Probable case
- C. Confirmed case

RUBELLA (Including congenital rubella syndrome)

- Clinical criteria
 - Congenital rubella infection (CRI)
 - Congenital rubella syndrome (CRS)
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification Congenital Rubella
- A. Possible case
- B. Probable case
- C. Confirmed case

SALMONellosis (S. Typhi and S. Paratyphi)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
- A. Possible case
- B. Probable case
- C. Confirmed case

SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY SYNDROME — SARS

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification for the inter-epidemic period
- A. Possible case
- B. Probable case
- C. Nationally confirmed case
- D. Confirmed case
- Case classification during an outbreak
- A. Possible case
- B. Probable case
- C. Nationally confirmed case
- D. Confirmed case

SHIGELlosis (Shigella spp.)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
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SMALLPOX (Vaccinia virus)

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- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
- A. Possible case
- B. Probable case
- C. Confirmed case

SYPHILIS (Treponema pallidum)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
- A. Possible case
- B. Probable case
- C. Confirmed case

SYPHILIS, CONGENITAL AND NEONATAL (Treponema pallidum)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
- A. Possible case
- B. Probable case
- C. Confirmed case

TETANUS (Clostridium tetani)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
- A. Possible case
- B. Probable case
- C. Confirmed case

TOXOPTILASMOSIS, CONGENITAL (Toxoplasma gondii)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
- A. Possible case
- B. Probable case
- C. Confirmed case

TRICHINELLOSIS (Trichinella spp.)

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- Laboratory criteria
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TUBERCULOSIS (Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
 - A. Possible case
 - B. Probable case
 - C. Confirmed case

TULARAEMIA (Francisella tularensis)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
 - A. Possible case
 - B. Probable case
 - C. Confirmed case

TYPHOID (Salmonella Typhi) PARATYPHOID (Salmonella Paratyphi)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
 - A. Possible case
 - B. Probable case
 - C. Confirmed case

VIRAL HAEMORRHAGIC FEVERS

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
 - A. Possible case
 - B. Probable case
 - C. Confirmed case

WEST NILE FEVER (West Nile Virus infection, WNV)

- Clinical criteria
- Laboratory criteria
- Epidemiological criteria
- Case classification
 - A. Possible case
 - B. Probable case
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YELLOW FEVER (Yellow fever virus)

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- Laboratory criteria
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YERSINIOSIS (Yersinia enterocolitica, Yersinia pseudotuberculosis)

Clinical criteria

Laboratory criteria

Epidemiological criteria

Case classification

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- (2) [OJ L 86, 3.4.2002, p. 44](#). Decision as amended by Decision 2003/534/EC ([OJ L 184, 23.7.2003, p. 35](#))
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