

DECISIONS

COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 August 2010

amending Annex XI to Council Directive 2003/85/EC as regards the list of laboratories authorised to handle live foot-and-mouth disease virus*(notified under document C(2010) 5420)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2010/435/EU)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Directive 2003/85/EC of 29 September 2003 on Community measures for the control of foot-and-mouth disease repealing Directive 85/511/EEC and Decisions 89/531/EEC and 91/665/EEC and amending Directive 92/46/EEC ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 67 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive 2003/85/EC sets out minimum control measures to be applied in the event of an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease and certain preventive measures aimed at increasing the awareness and preparedness of the competent authorities and the farming community concerning that disease.
- (2) Those preventive measures include an obligation on Member States to ensure that the handling of live foot-and-mouth disease virus for research and diagnosis is carried out only in the approved laboratories listed in Part A and the manufacturing of either inactivated antigens for the production of vaccines or vaccines and related research is carried out only in the approved establishments and laboratories listed in Part B of Annex XI to Directive 2003/85/EC.
- (3) Bulgaria has officially informed the Commission that following the checks carried out in accordance with Article 66 of Directive 2003/85/EC, their national reference laboratory is no longer considered to meet the bio-security standards provided for in Article 65(d) of Directive 2003/85/EC.
- (4) The Netherlands have officially informed the Commission of certain changes relating to the name of a laboratory listed in Part B of Annex XI to Directive 2003/85/EC situated in the Netherlands.

- (5) For security reasons, it is important to keep the list of laboratories set out in Annex XI to Directive 2003/85/EC updated.
- (6) Accordingly, it is necessary to delete the entry for Bulgaria in the list of laboratories set out in Part A and to replace the entry for the Netherlands in the list of laboratories set out in Part B of Annex XI to Directive 2003/85/EC. Annex XI to Directive 2003/85/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex XI to Directive 2003/85/EC is amended as follows:

1. in Part A, the entry for Bulgaria is deleted;
2. in Part B, the entry for the Netherlands is replaced by the following:

NL	Netherlands	Merial S.A.S., Lelystad Laboratory, Lelystad'
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Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 August 2010.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 306, 22.11.2003, p. 1.