COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 2011

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) 9592)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2011/7/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(2) 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 foot-and-mouth disease virus for research and diagnosis is carried out only in the authorised national laboratories listed in Part A of Annex XI to Directive 2003/85/EC.
- (3) France has officially informed the Commission that the name of its national laboratory listed in Part A of Annex XI to Directive 2003/85/EC situated in France has changed.
- (4) For legal certainty, it is important to keep the list of laboratories set out in Part A of that Annex updated.

Therefore, it is necessary to replace the entry for France in the list of laboratories set out in Part A of Annex XI to Directive 2003/85/EC.

- (5) Annex XI to Directive 2003/85/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) 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

In Part A of Annex XI to Directive 2003/85/EC, the entry for France is replaced by the following:

l'alimentation, de l'environnement et du travail (ANSES), Laboratoire de santé animale de Maisons-Alfort
--

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 2011.

For the Commission

John DALLI

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 306, 22.11.2003, p. 1.