

ANNEX II

A.LABORATORIO COMUNITARIO DE REFERENCIA DE LA FIEBRE CATARRAL OVINA EF-REFERENCIALABORATORIUM FOR BLUETONGUE GEMEINSCHAFTLICHES REFERENZLABORATORIUM FÜR DIE BLAUZUNGENKRANKHEIT KOINOTIKO ΕΡΓΑΣΤΗΡΙΟ ΑΝΑΦΟΡΑΣ ΓΙΑ ΤΟΝ ΚΑΤΑΠΠΟΪΚΟ ΠΥΡΡΕΤΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΟΒΑΤΟΥ COMMUNITY REFERENCE LABORATORY FOR BLUETONGUE LABORATOIRE COMMUNAUTAIRE DE RÉFÉRENCE POUR LA FIÈVRE CATARRHALE DU MOUTON [F¹REFERENTNI LABORATORIJ ZAJEDNICE ZA BOLEST PLAVOG JEZIKA] LABORATORIO COMUNITARIO DI RIFERIMENTO PER LA FEBBRE CATARRALE DEGLI OVINI COMMUNAUTAIR REFERENTIELABORATORIUM VOOR BLUETONGUE LABORATÓRIO COMUNITÁRIO DE REFERÊNCIA EM RELAÇÃO À FEBRE CATARRAL OVINALAMPAAN BLUETONGUE-TAUTIA VARTEN NIMETTY YHTEISÖN VERTAILULABORATORIO GEMENSKAPENS REFERENSLABORATORIUM FÖR BLUETONGUE

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Textual Amendments

F2 Substituted by [Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2018/415 of 16 March 2018 laying down additional responsibilities and tasks for the European Union reference laboratory for African horse sickness and amending Annex II to Council Directive 92/35/EEC, Annex II to Council Directive 2000/75/EC and Annex VII to Regulation \(EC\) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council \(Text with EEA relevance\).](#)

B. TASKS OF THE COMMUNITY REFERENCE LABORATORY FOR BLUETONGUE

The Community reference laboratory has the following tasks:

1. coordinating, in consultation with the Commission, diagnostic methods for bluetongue in the Member States, in particular by:
 - (a) specifying, holding and supplying strains of the bluetongue virus for the purpose of serological tests and the preparation of antiserum;
 - (b) the provision of reference sera and other reference reagents to the national reference laboratories for the purpose of standardising the tests and the reagents used in each Member State;
 - (c) the establishment and conservation of a collection of strains and isolates of the bluetongue virus;
 - (d) the regular organisation of Community comparative testing of diagnostic procedures;

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- (e) the collection and collation of data and information concerning the diagnostic methods used and the results of the tests carried out in the Community;
 - (f) the classification of isolates of the bluetongue virus, using the most advanced methods, in order to provide a better understanding of the epizootiology of bluetongue;
 - (g) monitoring developments worldwide in the area of surveillance, epizootiology and prevention of bluetongue;
2. actively assisting in the identification of centres of bluetongue infection in the Member States by studying viral isolates sent to it for confirmation of diagnosis, classification and epizootiological studies;
 3. facilitating the provision of training and refresher courses for experts in laboratory diagnostics with a view to harmonising diagnostic techniques throughout the Community;
 4. mutual and reciprocal information exchange with the World Bluetongue Laboratory designated by the International Office for Epizootics (OIE), in particular concerning global developments with regard to bluetongue.