

## ANNEX IV

### Community reference laboratory for classical swine fever

1. The Community reference laboratory for classical swine fever is: Institut für Virologie, der Tierärztlichen Hochschule Hannover, Bünteweg 17, D-30559 Hannover, Germany.
2. The functions and duties of the Community reference laboratory for classical swine fever are:
  - (a) to coordinate, in consultation with the Commission, the methods employed in the Member States for diagnosing classical swine fever, specifically by:
    - storing and supplying cell cultures for use in diagnosis,
    - typing, storing and supplying strains of classical swine fever virus for serological tests and the preparation of antisera,
    - supplying standardised sera, conjugate sera and other reference reagents to the national laboratories in order to standardise the tests and reagents employed in the Member States,
    - building up and holding a classical swine fever virus collection,
    - organising periodic comparative tests of diagnostic procedures at Community level,
    - collecting and collating data and information on the methods of diagnosis used and the results of tests carried out,
    - characterising isolates of the virus by the most up-to-date methods available to allow greater understanding of the epizootiology of classical swine fever,
    - keeping abreast of developments in classical swine fever surveillance, epizootiology and prevention throughout the world,
    - retaining expertise on the virus causing classical swine fever and other pertinent viruses to enable rapid differential diagnosis,
    - acquiring a thorough knowledge of the preparation and use of the products of veterinary immunology used to eradicate and control classical swine fever;
  - (b) to make the necessary arrangements for training or re-training experts in laboratory diagnosis with a view to harmonising diagnostic techniques;
  - (c) to have trained personnel available for emergency situations occurring within the Community;
  - (d) to perform research activities and whenever possible coordinate research activities directed towards an improved control of classical swine fever.