

Council Directive 2005/94/EC of 20 December 2005 on Community measures
for the control of avian influenza and repealing Directive 92/40/EEC

CHAPTER VIII

**DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES, DIAGNOSTIC
MANUAL AND REFERENCE LABORATORIES**

Article 51

Reference laboratories

1 The laboratory named in Annex VII(1) shall be the Community reference laboratory for avian influenza (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Community reference laboratory’).

Without prejudice to Decision 90/424/EEC, the Community reference laboratory shall carry out the functions and duties listed in Annex VII(2).

2 Member States shall designate national reference laboratories and communicate to the Commission and other Member States the details thereof and any subsequent changes. The Commission shall publish and update the list of such national reference laboratories.

3 Member States shall ensure that the national reference laboratories:

- a carry out the functions and duties set out in Annex VIII;
- b are responsible for co-ordinating standards and methods of diagnosis in each Member State in accordance with Annex VIII and liaising with the Community reference laboratory.

4 The Community reference laboratory shall maintain close cooperation and contact with the OIE and FAO reference laboratory for avian influenza and, as appropriate, with other internationally recognised laboratories within the Community in order to ensure training, excellence and support to national reference laboratories in Member States and Third Countries.