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ANNEX I

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ANNEX II

The specific institute responsible for establishing the criteria necessary for standardising the serological test to monitor the action of rabies vaccines shall:

- coordinate the establishment, improvement and standardisation of methods of serological titration on carnivores vaccinated against rabies,
- appraise those laboratories in Member States which have submitted an application to perform the serological titrations referred to in the first indent; the result of this appraisal must be sent to the applicant laboratory and to the competent authorities of the Member State where the result is favourable for the purposes of approval,
- appraise those laboratories in third countries which have submitted an application to perform the serological titrations referred to in the first indent; the result of this appraisal must be sent to the applicant laboratory and to the Commission where the result is favourable for the purpose of approval,
- provide any useful information on analysis methods and comparative trials to those laboratories and organise training sessions and further training courses for their staff,
- organise inter-laboratory aptitude tests (proficiency tests),
- provide scientific and technical assistance to the Commission and the competent authorities concerned on the matters referred to in this Annex, in particular in cases of disagreement on results of serological titrations.