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MALTA VETERINARY SERVICES ACT (CAP. 437)

Animal Health Problems Affecting Intra-Community Trade in Bovine Animals and Swine (Amendment) Rules, 2010

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 8 of the Veterinary Services Act, the Minister for Resources and Rural Affairs has made the following rules:-

Title.

1. The title of these rules is the Animal Health Problems Affecting Intra-Community Trade in Bovine Animals and Swine (Amendment) Rules, 2010 and they shall be read and construed as one with the Animal Health Problems Affecting Intra-Community Trade in Bovine Animals and Swine Rules, 2004 hereinafter referred to as "the principal rules".

L.N. 505 of 2004.

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Amends rule 6 of the principal rules.

2. For paragraph (a) of sub-rule (2) of rule 6 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following:-

"(a) come from an officially tuberculosis-free bovine herd, and in the case of animals more than six weeks old, have reacted negatively to an intradermal tuberculin test carried out in accordance with the provisions of point 2.2 of Schedule B to these rules either during the 30 days prior to leaving the herd of origin or in a place and under conditions to be defined in accordance with the procedure referred to in regulation 17 of these rules:".

Adds new rule 6A to the principal rules.

3. Immediately after rule 6 of the principal rules there shall be inserted the following new rule:

"Institutes or national laboratories to be designated by the Authority.

6A. The competent Authority shall designate institutes, national reference laboratories or official institutes responsible for coordinating the standards and methods of diagnosis referred to in Schedules A to D to these rules. It shall maintain updated lists thereof and make them available to other Member States and to the public. The tasks and responsibilities of such institutes, national reference laboratories and official institutes are set out in Schedules B and C and in Chapter II of Schedule D to these rules. Detailed rules for the uniform application of this rule may be adopted in accordance with the procedure referred to in rule 17 of these rules.".

4. For sub-rule (3) of rule 11 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following:- Amends rule 11 of the principal rules.

"(3) The competent Authority shall issue an approval number to each approved assembly centre. Approvals of assembly centres may be limited to a particular species or to animals for breeding and production or to animals for slaughter. The competent Authority shall draw up and keep updated a list of approved assembly centres and their approval numbers and make it available to other Member States and to the public.".

5. Immediately after sub-rule (4) of rule 13 of the principal rules, there shall be added the following sub-rule:- Amends rule 13 of the principal rules.

"(5) The competent Authority shall draw up and keep updated a list of approved dealers and registered premises used by dealers in connection with their business and their approval numbers and make that list available to other Member States and to the public. Detailed rules for the uniform application of this sub-regulation may be adopted in accordance with the procedure referred to in rule 17 of these rules.".

6. Shedule B to the principal rules shall be amended as follows:- Amends Schedule B to the principal rules.

(a) for point 4.1 there shall be substituted the following:

"4.1. Tasks and responsibilities

Institutes, national reference laboratories or official institutes designated by the competent Authority in accordance with rule 6A of these rules shall be responsible for the official testing of tuberculins or reagents referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 respectively in Malta to ensure that each of these tuberculins or reagents is adequate in relation to the standards referred to in point 2.1 and paragraph 3 respectively."; and

(b) point 4.2 shall be deleted.

7. Schedule C to the principal rules shall be amended as follows:- Amends Schedule C to the principle rules.

(a) in point 4.1, for the words "National reference laboratories shall be responsible for-" there shall be substituted the words "National Reference Laboratories designated by the competent Authority in accordance with rule 6A of these rules shall be responsible for:"; and

(b) point 4.2 shall be deleted.

Amends Schedule D to the principal rules.

8. Under paragraph A of Chapter II of Schedule D to the principal rules, for points 2 and 3 there shall be substituted the following:-

"2. National reference laboratories designated by the competent Authority in accordance with rules 6 of these rules for coordinating standards and methods of diagnosis of the tests for enzootic bovine leucosis shall be made responsible for calibrating the standard working antigen of the laboratory against the official EC standard serum (EI serum) provided by the National Veterinary Institute, Technical University of Denmark.

3. The standard antigens used in the laboratory shall be submitted at least once a year to the national reference laboratories designated by the competent Authority in accordance with rule 6A of these rules, for testing against the official EC standard serum. Apart from such standardisation, the antigen in use may be calibrated in accordance with the method described under paragraph B (Method for antigen standardization).".

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