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## 55 **Executive summary**

56 This document provides information on items to be considered for the production and control of all  
57 immunological veterinary medicinal products (IVMPs).

58 The guideline outlines important items related to the quality, safety and efficacy parts of the  
59 marketing authorisation dossier that are not sufficiently defined in the requirements of Annex I of  
60 Directive 2001/82/EC and the European Pharmacopoeia (Ph. Eur.). Therefore compliance with this  
61 guideline (and the above mentioned regulatory documents) provides an assurance that the IVMP  
62 will be considered satisfactory by all the Member States.

## 63 **I. Introduction**

64 The guideline is intended to supplement Directive 2001/82/EC, the European Pharmacopoeia, in  
65 particular Ph. Eur. 0062 Vaccines for veterinary use, and relevant VICH guidelines. This guideline  
66 intends to clarify the requirements that are not covered by these. Principles of GMP are covered  
67 by specific guidance and by Directive 91/412/EC and are out of the scope of this guideline but  
68 they should be kept in mind in order to understand the rationale behind the requirements of this  
69 guideline.

70 All IVMPs shall normally comply with this guideline.

71 Compliance with the guidelines provides an assurance that the research and development work  
72 undertaken will be considered valid by all Member States. Nevertheless, in order not to place  
73 undue constraints on scientific research, an alternative approach to the one described in a  
74 guideline may be used, if it can be shown that this is justified.

75 Reductions in the requirements that may be acceptable are provided in a specific guideline  
76 "Guideline on data requirements for immunological veterinary medicinal products intended for  
77 minor use or minor species/limited markets".

78 Specific requirements for the production and control of immunosera and colostrum substitutes are  
79 attached as Annex 1 to this guideline.

80 The approach to demonstrate freedom from extraneous agents as part of the production and  
81 control of IVMPs for mammalian species and finfish is attached as Annex 2 to this guideline.

82 Guidance on safety and efficacy requirements in the application for marketing authorisation for  
83 fish vaccines is outlined in "Guideline on the design of studies to evaluate the safety and efficacy  
84 of fish vaccines".

## 85 **II. Quality**

### 86 **1. Devices**

#### 87 **1.1. Definition**

88 Annex I of Directive 2001/82/EC, Title II, Part 2.A, 1. Qualitative particulars states that:

89 "These particulars shall be supplemented ..., together with details of devices with which the IVMP  
90 will be used or administered and which will be delivered with the medicinal product. If the device is

91 not delivered together with the IVMP, relevant information about the device shall be provided,  
92 where necessary for the assessment of the product.”

93 For the purpose of this guideline, devices are defined as equipment used for the proper  
94 administration of IVMPs and which may influence the safety and efficacy of the product (e.g.  
95 devices for spray, intranasal, eye drop, intracutaneous, intrafollicular, *in ovo* administration).

## 96 **1.2. Data requirements**

97 As the use of a device can have an impact on the safety and efficacy of the IVMP, all the  
98 necessary data should be provided:

- 99 • A precise description of the device including an analysis of the possible influence on safety and  
100 efficacy of the IVMP.
- 101 • A detailed description of the sterilisation or disinfection of the device.
- 102 • A detailed description of the handling of the device.
- 103 • A clear statement of whether the device is delivered together with the IVMP or not
- 104 • A clear indication of the sources accessible in each Member State if the device is not delivered  
105 with the IVMP.

106 To avoid the use of inappropriate devices not evaluated in the safety and efficacy trials, the product  
107 information should indicate the type of device that should be used when administering the IVMP, and  
108 describe the physical and biological prerequisites and specifications of the device (e.g. volume of the  
109 delivered dose, pattern of distribution in skin, location of administration (intracutaneous,  
110 subcutaneous, and intradermal), pressure of the device, droplet size, etc.).

## 111 **2. Starting materials and control during the manufacturing** 112 **process**

### 113 **2.1. Absence of extraneous agents**

114 When the Directive 2001/82/EC and the Ph. Eur. refer to the testing of potential contaminants,  
115 Annex 2 (The approach to demonstrate freedom from extraneous agents as part of the production  
116 and control of immunological veterinary medicinal products for mammalian species and finfish) to  
117 this guideline should be taken into account.

### 118 **2.2. Antibiotics**

119 Antibiotics used during the production of an IVMP should be used under the restrictions of the Ph.  
120 Eur. 0062 Vaccines for veterinary use.

121 Antibiotics used in the production of IVMPs may be present in the finished product. It is therefore  
122 recommended that for IVMPs intended for food producing species, antibiotics for which maximum  
123 residue limits (MRLs) have been established in the relevant species should be used (i.e. the  
124 antibiotics should be listed in table 1 of the annex to Commission Regulation (EU) 37/2010 for the  
125 relevant species). If an antibiotic not listed in table 1 of the annex to Commission Regulation (EU)  
126 37/2010 is used, then the applicant should address the consumer safety implications arising from  
127 its potential presence in the finished product. Applicants should note that residues of antibiotics  
128 not included in table 1 of Commission Regulation (EU) 37/2010, found at residue control, would  
129 be considered as violative residue findings.

130 The number of antibiotics used has to be justified. The maximum concentration level of antibiotics  
131 used during the production should be defined. The level of remaining antibiotic content in the  
132 finished product should be indicated in the dossier and can be based on calculation.

### 133 **2.3. Preservatives**

134 In selecting a preservative system the applicant should consider

- 135 • the effectiveness against potential microbial contaminants;
- 136 • possible interaction with the formulation or container (for example, thiomersal is ineffective in  
137 sera, and can bind to sulphhydryl (SH) groups and polymeric material);
- 138 • the potential pharmacological and toxicological effects on the target animal species, at the  
139 dose rates appropriate to the veterinary medicinal product;
- 140 • any MRLs which have been fixed for the preservative substance(s), if appropriate;
- 141 • possible effects on testing of the immunological veterinary medicinal product, for example tests on  
142 cell cultures or mammalian species.

143 Long term experience with the use of the preservative in numerous similar products (e.g. thiomersal,  
144 formaldehyde) can be regarded as sufficient justification. The test procedures and microorganisms  
145 employed for demonstrating preservative efficacy should be as outlined in the Ph. Eur. 5.1.3. Efficacy  
146 of antimicrobial preservation. The range of microorganisms chosen for the testing should reflect the  
147 potential risk. As the Ph. Eur. allows some flexibility in the experimental conditions and range of  
148 microorganisms, the materials and methods for testing, if different from the ones listed in Ph. Eur.  
149 5.1.3., should be described in appropriate detail by the applicant who must also validate the method  
150 to “ensure that any residual antimicrobial activity of the product is eliminated by dilution, filtration or  
151 by the use of a specific inactivator” in the recovery operation. The maintenance of the quantity of  
152 preservative (or the preservative efficacy, if justified) throughout the period of the IVMP shelf life  
153 should be demonstrated.

### 154 **2.4. Diluents**

#### 155 **2.4.1. Definition**

156 Annex I of Directive 2001/82/EC, Title II, Part 1.A states that: “Information on diluents needed  
157 for making the final vaccine preparation shall be included in the dossier. An immunological  
158 veterinary medicinal product is regarded as one product even when more than one diluent is  
159 required so that different preparations of the final product can be prepared, which may be for  
160 administration by different routes or methods of administration.” The diluent does not contain any  
161 active substance.

#### 162 **2.4.2. Data requirements**

163 The data for production and control should follow the principles for IVMPs (Annex I, Title 2),  
164 where applicable. The dossier should provide the relevant data especially for:

- 165 • Qualitative and quantitative particulars
- 166 • Description of the manufacturing method
- 167 • Production and control of starting materials

- 168 • Control tests during the manufacturing process
- 169 • Control of the finished product
- 170 • Sterility
- 171 • Virucidal/bactericidal effect on the active substance by using the diluent to solve the active  
172 substance prior to titration
- 173 • Stability tests
- 174 • Starting materials used for the production of IVMPs for food producing species should comply  
175 with the current MRL legislation.

176 The IVMP for which the diluent is intended for should be fully tested for safety and efficacy. Provided  
177 the relevant studies are performed with the final product solved in the diluent, no separate  
178 studies on the diluent concerning safety and efficacy are required.

## 179 ***2.5. Purity of antigen harvest for inactivated vaccines produced on eggs*** 180 ***(bioburden)***

181 For viruses grown in eggs, each batch of clarified virus harvest shall be tested for the amount of  
182 bacteria present and the value obtained shall be included on the batch test protocol. In general, it  
183 is stated that the production (harvest) process should ensure that the bioburden is as low as  
184 possible. Reduction of the bioburden and the validation of the inactivation procedures shall be  
185 considered not only for the vaccine antigen but also for the amount of bioburden present in the  
186 bulk prior to inactivation.

187 The maximum bioburden should be defined by the applicant, based on data from validation of  
188 inactivation and safety studies and it should be controlled in each harvest or bulk as an in process  
189 control.

## 190 ***2.6. Inactivation***

191 Annex I of Directive 2001/82/EC states under Title II, Part 2.D Control tests during the manufacturing  
192 process: "For inactivated or detoxified vaccines, inactivation or detoxification shall be tested  
193 during each production run as soon as possible after the end of the inactivation or detoxification  
194 process and after neutralisation if this occurs, but before the next step of production." Under Title II,  
195 Part 2.E Control tests on the finished product, it is mentioned that a test to verify inactivation  
196 shall be carried out on the product in the final container unless it has been conducted at a late stage  
197 in-process.

198 It is considered that a single test to confirm complete inactivation carried out at the stage after  
199 inactivation when detection of any residual live antigen is most likely should give sufficient  
200 assurance of complete inactivation and compliance with the pharmacopoeial standard.

201 Validation of the inactivation process of IVMPs is subjected to the provision of data showing complete  
202 inactivation of the micro-organism. To this aim, according to Ph. Eur. 0062, Vaccines for veterinary  
203 use, data on inactivation kinetics should be obtained using the selected method of inactivation.  
204 However a clear indication is only given concerning the time required for inactivation which, normally,  
205 should not exceed 67% of the duration of the inactivation process. It is considered that extrapolation  
206 of inactivation kinetics results (during a 1-step process) to higher pre-inactivation titres than those  
207 used in the corresponding validation studies is not permitted. The maximum titre of the micro-

208 organism capable to be inactivated by the selected method of inactivation should be then established  
209 based on the actual data obtained from inactivation kinetics studies.

## 210 **2.7. Samples**

211 Representative samples of all seed materials (e.g. subsequent passages), reagents, in-process  
212 materials and finished product shall be supplied to the competent authorities, on request.

## 213 **3. Control on the finished product**

214 The control tests on the finished product mentioned in the Annex I of Directive 2001/82/EC under  
215 Title II, Part 2.E shall normally be performed on each batch or sub-batch of IVMP produced. In the  
216 case of sub-batches which differ only due to their processing after bulk blending, for example in  
217 their filling session or vial size, some tests may be carried out on the final bulk or on one of the  
218 sub-batches, if justified.

219 It should be demonstrated that the subsequent procedure does not result in differences in test results  
220 and the results obtained from tests on the bulk can be reproduced on the sub-batch(es) of the finished  
221 product. For example, it may be expected that tests of potency of inactivated IVMPs could be done on  
222 the final bulk. On the other hand, tests for sterility must be carried out on each sub-batch.

### 223 **3.1. Batch titre or potency**

224 For a live IVMP, the titration of the active substance shall be validated according to the principles of  
225 the VICH GL1 "*Guideline on validation of analytical procedures: definition and terminology*" and  
226 VICH GL 2 "*Validation of analytical procedures: methodology*". An inactivated IVMP shall be shown  
227 to be of satisfactory potency using validated methods.

### 228 **3.2. Preservatives – Identification and assay of excipients components**

229 Tests for the concentrations of preservatives shall be carried out to show that these are in  
230 conformity with the limits set for the product. The concentration of preservative at release can be  
231 higher than at the end of the shelf life if the efficacy of the preservative has been demonstrated  
232 with the lower concentration. The composition of the product shall indicate the lower concentration of  
233 the preservative.

### 234 **3.3. Safety tests**

235 The Directive 2001/82/EC requests that an overdose safety test is performed on the finished  
236 product. As the Ph. Eur. 0062 Vaccines for veterinary use does not request this test anymore, it is  
237 considered that the batch safety test is not mandatory as a control of the finished product.

### 238 **3.4. Batch protocols**

239 The batch protocols should be based on the templates issued by the European Commission and  
240 the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines (EDQM) at the time the batch was produced.

## 241 **4. Stability tests**

242 Stability testing shall be carried out as specified in the Directive 2001/82/EC and in the Ph. Eur.  
243 0062 Vaccines for veterinary use on not fewer than three representative consecutive batches. The

244 three consecutive production runs may be carried out on a pilot scale, providing this mimics the  
245 full-scale production described in the application. The sterility of the IVMPs has to be proven at the  
246 end of the shelf life. This can be achieved by sterility testing or alternatives (e.g. test for  
247 container/closure integrity). Where bulk material is to be stored before formulation and final  
248 manufacturing, stability data should be provided.

### 249 **III. Safety and efficacy tests**

250 Animal welfare concerns should be taken into consideration in compliance with Directive  
251 2010/63/EC when designing studies to test the safety and efficacy of IVMPs. Aspects to be  
252 considered include:

- 253 – Personnel conducting the studies should be appropriately trained to detect signs of illness as well  
254 as behavioral changes in the test animals.
- 255 – The method used to identify vaccinated and controls animals should involve the least harmful  
256 technique for the animals in the study.
- 257 – The number of animals in the vaccinated and control groups should be sufficient to obtain  
258 statistically significant and clinically reliable results. However, for vaccination-challenge studies,  
259 the possibility of reducing the number of control non-vaccinated animals should be investigated as  
260 these animals will suffer disease and associated distress.
- 261 – Mortality as an evaluation parameter in vaccination-challenge studies should be questioned  
262 whenever possible; humane endpoints are preferable. Moribund animals should be humanely  
263 killed.

#### 264 **1. Safety tests**

265 Safety testing shall be carried out as specified in the Ph. Eur. 5.2.6 Evaluation of safety of  
266 veterinary vaccines and immunosera, and in Directive 2001/82/EC. The IVMPs to be tested shall be  
267 diluted in the recommended diluent, if appropriate.

#### 268 **2. Field trials**

269 Safety and efficacy must be studied in field trials performed on a sufficient number of target  
270 species distributed in more than one premises.

271 **Annex 1 - Additional items, specific requirements for the**  
272 **production and control of immunosera and colostrum**  
273 **substitutes**

274 This annex is intended to provide additional guidance on the type of data which should be  
275 included in applications for marketing authorisations for immunosera and colostrum substitutes. It  
276 is intended to supplement Directive 2001/82/EC and the general guideline.

277 The annex has not been prepared to give guidance for applications for products containing  
278 monoclonal antibodies and may not be applicable to such products.

279 **DEFINITIONS**

280 The definitions in the Ph. Eur. 0030 Immunosera for veterinary use apply together with the  
281 following additional definition:

282 **Immunoserum** – a veterinary medicinal product containing for example, polyclonal antibodies,  
283 or immunoglobulin fractions, or antibodies produced in eggs and used to provide passive  
284 immunity, through its immunoglobulin content.

285 **Colostrum Substitute** – a veterinary medicinal product for administration by the oral route to  
286 new-born animals to provide passive immunity, through its immunoglobulin content. It contains,  
287 for example, polyclonal antibodies, or immunoglobulin fractions, or antibodies produced in eggs.

288 **Donor Animal** – an animal which is kept for the production of immunoserum or colostrum or  
289 antibodies produced in eggs.

290 The donor animals may or may not have been actively immunised to boost the concentration of  
291 immunoglobulins to one or more specific antigens.

292 **1. Starting materials**

293 ***Preparation of the material containing the active ingredient***

294 ***1.1 Donor animals***

295 Donor animals should comply with the Ph. Eur. 0030 Immunosera for veterinary use  
296 01/2008/0030.

297 Detailed information must be provided of the testing regime used to monitor the health status of the  
298 animals and this must include information on the test methods used and their validation.

299 ***1.2 Immunising antigen***

300 Immunising antigen should comply with the Ph. Eur. 0030 Immunosera for veterinary use  
301 01/2008/0030.

302 Wherever possible, the immunising antigen used should be a product with a marketing  
303 authorisation granted in the relevant Member State, in accordance with the requirements of  
304 Directive 2001/82/EC.

305 When an authorised product is used, it will be sufficient, in the dossier provided in support of the  
306 application for a marketing authorisation for the immunoserum or colostrum substitute, to provide

307 brief details of the immunising antigen (e.g. name, licence number, holder of the marketing  
308 authorisation, manufacturer(s) and the SPC).

309 Where the immunising antigen is not an authorised product the principles and the format of Directive  
310 2001/82/EC and this guideline can be used as a guide for this.

311 For live organisms, for inoculation into a donor animal, information should also be provided on the  
312 safety of the organisms for the donor animal and it may be necessary to provide information on the  
313 rate of clearance of the organism from the material to be collected from the donor (e.g. where there  
314 may be a long lasting infection or a short time from immunisation to collection of material).

## 315 **2. Finished product – batch testing for sterility**

316 The product shall be shown to meet the requirements of the Ph. Eur. 2.6.1. Sterility and  
317 2.6.7. Mycoplasmas unless it is a colostrum substitute to be administered orally, in which case it  
318 may contain not more than one saprophytic organism per dose.

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320 **Annex 2 - The approach to demonstrate freedom from**  
321 **extraneous agents as part of the production and control of**  
322 **immunological veterinary medicinal products for mammalian**  
323 **species and finfish**

324 **1. Explanatory note**

325 Freedom from extraneous agents is a high priority for any medicinal product. For any IVMP placed on  
326 the market in the EU, the requirement to test IVMPs for potential infectious contaminants is specified  
327 in Directive 2001/82/EC and in the European Pharmacopoeia (Ph. Eur.) (Monographs 0062 and 0030,  
328 general chapters 5.2.4 and 5.2.5).

329 Prevention of potential contamination through extraneous agent testing embraces the entire production  
330 process, from raw materials to the final product. This includes reliable sourcing and testing of raw  
331 materials; standardized, controlled production processes using good manufacturing practices (GMP) in  
332 order to assure consistent production; and, tests confirming the quality of starting and in-process  
333 materials as well as the final product.

334 Therefore the testing refers to all components of animal origin (cell substrates, virus seeds, substances  
335 of animal origin), in-process materials and the finished product, as specified in the respective  
336 legislation, Ph. Eur. and relevant guidelines. Different requirements may apply. For master seed virus  
337 lots no living organisms of any kind other than the species and strain stated is the rule (Ph. Eur.  
338 0062). Cell seeds must not be contaminated by viruses (Ph. Eur. 5.2.4). Batches of substances of  
339 animal origin if found contaminated are either discarded or reprocessed and shown to be satisfactory  
340 (Ph. Eur. 5.2.5).

341 This annex is applicable to IVMPs for mammalian species and finfish. Extraneous agents for avian  
342 vaccines are dealt with in the Ph. Eur. general chapters (2.6.24, 2.6.25. and 5.2.2.). For Transmissible  
343 Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs), Ph. Eur. general chapter 5.2.8 and the most recent version of  
344 the TSE Note for Guidance apply (Note for guidance on minimising the risk of transmitting animal  
345 spongiform encephalopathy agents via human and veterinary medicinal products - EMA/410/01) are  
346 applicable.

347 As indicated in the Ph. Eur., consideration has to be given to the species of origin of the test material  
348 and the target species for the product. In addition, the applicant must also take into account:

- 349 1. the disease situation in the country of origin, including emerging or re-emerging diseases - in  
350 this context, this annex should be read in conjunction with the Clarification note on the  
351 requirements for the starting materials of biological origin (EMA/CVMP/439633/2007),
- 352 2. the nature of the material, and
- 353 3. for cell cultures, their permissivity to extraneous agents from other species than the species of  
354 origin of the cells and the target species of the vaccine, if the cells have been maintained in the  
355 presence of substances of animal origin of other species, unless these substances were  
356 subjected to appropriate virus inactivation procedures.

357 The list of extraneous agents as provided in section 2 of this document, is taken as reference list which  
358 must be taken into account when considering which testing for extraneous agents is appropriate. The  
359 current list was established in accordance with the existing knowledge at the time of writing this  
360 guideline. If scientifically justified, the list may be updated in the future.

361 The presence of an agent on the list does not mean that a test for this agent must be carried out.  
362 However, for not carrying out a test for a specific agent, the applicant must provide justification  
363 according to the steps mentioned below.

364 For appropriate testing for extraneous agents, the following steps should be accomplished:

### 365 ***Step 1: Justification for not carrying out a test for a specific agent***

366 The types of justification that can be given include:

- 367 a) Disease/agent did not occur in country/geographical area of origin at the time of  
368 isolation/recovery of the material supported by convincing official data (e.g. OIE's status in the  
369 applicable time period, literature information); continuous traceability to support the absence  
370 of contamination by this agent during subsequent processing of the material (e.g. preparation,  
371 culture, etc.).
- 372 b) Disease/agent does not occur in herd of origin (i.e. specific pathogen free (SPF) status).  
373 Supporting documentary evidence must be provided for monitoring with serological and/or  
374 agent detection methods, accompanied by strict biosecurity measures. For an example refer to  
375 "Donor animals" in Ph. Eur. 0030 Immunoserum for veterinary use.
- 376 c) Substance in question cannot be contaminated with this agent, e.g. agent does not cross  
377 placenta or does not produce viraemia. Adequate justification must be provided.
- 378 d) The need for testing might not be relevant when an extraneous agent cannot grow in some  
379 systems or under some specific conditions, e.g. the extraneous agent does not grow in cell  
380 culture, or does not grow in the absence of trypsin.
- 381 e) Where applicable, the agent can be inactivated using a validated method. Alternatively, a  
382 demonstration that the extraneous agent is removed by the production process may be  
383 acceptable as well, including an adequate justification.
- 384 f) For active substances derived by recombinant DNA techniques, the presence of extraneous  
385 agents from the species of origin or the target species can often be excluded because of the  
386 implemented biotechnological processes. Testing for extraneous agents may therefore not be  
387 necessary. In cases of partial or complete omission of testing, a risk assessment must be  
388 made, including the materials of animal origin that were/are used to produce the rDNA-derived  
389 active substance, and a thorough justification must be provided.

### 390 ***Step 2: Implementation of tests for the detection of extraneous agents***

391 The extraneous agents to be tested are those which could not be excluded after implementation of  
392 step 1.

393 The suitability of test methods used to detect extraneous agents is an essential prerequisite. The  
394 following aspects are identified as key criteria for test suitability: defined method, sensitivity,  
395 specificity, robustness of the method and need for positive and negative controls.

396 The parameters used to show suitability should be chosen based on the purpose of the assay. Proven  
397 testing and production experience are good tools to justify the suitability of test methods. The use of  
398 positive controls is of major importance, e.g. for general tests on cell cultures. Whenever one cell  
399 culture is used to detect several agents, the use of one agent as positive control is sufficient to  
400 demonstrate the suitable growth characteristics of the cell culture.

401 Alternatively, test methods described in the document “CVMP reflection paper on methods found  
402 suitable within the EU for demonstrating freedom from extraneous agents of the seeds used for the  
403 production of immunological veterinary medicinal products for mammalian species and finfish”  
404 (EMA/CVMP/IWP/251741/2015) can be considered when implemented by qualified laboratories.

405 For the detection of viruses, appropriate methods for virus isolation and identification can be used and  
406 criteria established, e.g. cytopathic effect, haemadsorption, immunostaining, etc (Ph. Eur. 0062, 5.2.4,  
407 5.2.5). Their sensitivity for specified agents should be known not only for laboratory adapted strains,  
408 but also for field (wild) strains.

409 The use of primary cells of the species of origin of the seed is mandatory by Ph. Eur. 0062 and Ph. Eur.  
410 5.2.4. Hence, suitable primary cells must be part of the cell types selected for the detection of  
411 extraneous viruses not excluded by step 1.

412 Selected bacteria in the list below include those not detectable by the sterility test (Ph. Eur. 2.6.1).  
413 Vaccines must be free of mycoplasmas and mycobacteria. The tests for mycoplasmas (Ph. Eur. 2.6.7)  
414 and mycobacteria (Ph. Eur. 2.6.2) are considered suitable and sufficient to show absence of  
415 mycoplasmas and mycobacteria in IVMPs. These tests should be implemented on a case-by-case basis,  
416 whenever relevant. A thorough justification must be provided for the complete or partial omission of  
417 these testing.

418 Antigen and genome detection methods (e.g. PCR) can also be used. Their sensitivity and specificity  
419 for specified agents should be known for laboratory adapted strains and field (wild) strains. These  
420 methods do not usually differentiate between live and inactivated agents. In case of a positive finding  
421 an appropriate method for differentiation should be implemented.

422 Detection of an agent may also be based on detection of corresponding antibodies. In this case,  
423 appropriate serological methods should be used.

## 424 **2. List of extraneous agents**

425 Extraneous agents are listed below, divided into sections by animal species.

426 International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV) virus nomenclature is followed. Viruses are  
427 listed as family, genus or species. All relevant types should be considered.

<b><i>BOVINE</i></b>	
<b><i><u>Viral agents</u></i></b>	<b><i><u>Bacterial agents</u></i></b>
Akabane virus	Brucella spp.
Alcelaphine herpesvirus	Chlamydia spp.
Bluetongue virus	Coxiella burnetii
Borna disease virus	Leptospira spp.
Bovine adenovirus	
Bovine coronavirus	
Bovine enterovirus	
Bovine ephemeral fever virus	
Bovine herpesvirus BoHV-1 (IBR)	
Bovine leukaemia virus	
Bovine papilloma virus	
Bovine papular stomatitis virus	
Bovine parainfluenza virus 3	
Bovine parvovirus	

Bovine polyoma virus Bovine respiratory syncytial virus Bovine rhinovirus Bovine viral diarrhoea virus Cache Valley virus Cowpox virus Endogenous retrovirus (replication competent) Epizootic haemorrhagic disease virus Foot-and-mouth disease virus Jena virus (Norwalk-like) Lumpy skin disease virus Ovine herpesvirus 2 (malignant catarrhal fever virus, European type) Pseudocowpox virus Rabies virus Reovirus Rift Valley fever virus Rinderpest virus Rotavirus Schmallenberg virus Swine herpesvirus 1 Tick-borne encephalitis virus Vesicular stomatitis virus Wesselsbron virus	
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<b><i>OVINE/CAPRINE</i></b>	
<b><i><u>Viral agents</u></i></b>	<b><i><u>Bacterial agents</u></i></b>
Akabane virus Bluetongue virus Border disease virus Borna disease virus Bovine viral diarrhoea virus Cache Valley virus Caprine herpesvirus Endogenous retrovirus (replication competent) Epizootic haemorrhagic disease virus Foot-and-mouth disease virus Maedi-Visna / Caprine arthritis encephalitis virus Nairobi sheep disease virus Orf virus Ovine herpesvirus 2 (malignant catarrhal fever virus, European type) Ovine papilloma virus Ovine pulmonary adenocarcinoma virus (jaagziekte) Ovine respiratory syncytial virus Ovine/caprine adenovirus	Brucella melitensis Brucella ovis Chlamydia spp. Coxiella burnetii Leptospira spp.

Peste-des-petits-ruminants virus Rabies virus Rift Valley Fever virus Sheeppox / goatpox virus Schmallenberg virus Swine herpesvirus 1 Tick-borne encephalitis virus Wesselsbron virus	
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<b><i>PORCINE</i></b>	
<b><u><i>Viral agents</i></u></b>	<b><u><i>Bacterial agents</i></u></b>
African swine fever virus Bovine viral diarrhoea virus Classical swine fever virus Encephalomyocarditis virus Endogenous retrovirus (replication competent) Foot-and-mouth disease virus Hepatitis E virus Influenza virus Japanese encephalitis virus Nipah virus Porcine adenovirus Porcine circovirus Porcine coronavirus (TGEV, PRCoV, PEDV) Porcine enterovirus Porcine parvovirus Porcine reproductive respiratory syndrome virus Porcine rotavirus Rabies virus Swine herpesvirus Swinepox virus Vesicular stomatitis virus	Brucella suis Leptospira spp.

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<b><i>EQUINE</i></b>	
<b><u><i>Viral agents</i></u></b>	<b><u><i>Bacterial agents</i></u></b>
African horse sickness virus Borna disease virus Endogenous retrovirus (replication competent) Equine adenovirus Equine arteritis virus Equine encephalomyelitis alphavirus Equine encephalosis virus Equine herpesvirus (EHV-1, EHV-4) Equine infectious anaemia virus Equine influenza virus Equine rotavirus	Burkholderia mallei Burkholderia pseudomallei

Hendra virus Japanese encephalitis virus Rabies virus Vesicular stomatitis virus West Nile virus	
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<b>CANINE</b>	
<b><u>Viral agents</u></b>	<b><u>Bacterial agents</u></b>
Canid herpesvirus Canine adenovirus Canine coronavirus Canine distemper virus Canine oral papilloma virus Canine Parainfluenza 2 virus Canine parvovirus Rabies virus Swine herpesvirus 1	Brucella canis Leptospira spp.

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<b>FELINE</b>	
<b><u>Viral agents</u></b>	<b><u>Bacterial agents</u></b>
Cowpox virus Endogenous retrovirus (replication competent) Feline calicivirus Feline coronavirus Feline foamy virus (feline syncytia forming virus) Feline herpesvirus 1 Feline immunodeficiency virus Feline leukemia virus Feline panleucopenia virus Feline sarcoma virus Rabies virus Swine herpesvirus 1	Chlamydia felis

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<b>RABBIT</b>	
<b><u>Viral agents</u></b>	<b><u>Bacterial agents</u></b>
Arenavirus (Lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus) Encephalomyocarditis virus Endogenous retrovirus (replication competent) Herpes simplex-like virus Leporid herpesvirus 2 Myxoma fibroma virus Rabbit enteric coronavirus Rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus	Francisella tularensis

Rabbit parvovirus Rabbit pox virus Rabies virus Rotavirus Swine herpesvirus 1	
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<b>RODENT (MOUSE)</b>	
<b><u>Viral agents</u></b>	<b><u>Bacterial agents</u></b>
Ectromelia virus Endogenous retrovirus (replication competent) Hantaan virus Kilham rat virus Lactic dehydrogenase elevating virus Lymphocytic chorio-meningitis virus Minute virus of mice Mouse adenovirus Mouse cytomegalovirus Mouse encephalomyelitis virus Mouse hepatitis virus Mouse rotavirus Pneumonia virus of mice Polyoma virus Reovirus type 3 Sendai virus Thymic virus	Cilia associated respiratory bacillus Helicobacter spp.

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<b>RODENT (HAMSTER)</b>	
<b><u>Viral agents</u></b>	<b><u>Bacterial agents</u></b>
Endogenous retrovirus (replication competent) Lymphocytic chorio-meningitis virus Pneumonia virus of mice Reovirus type 3 Sendai virus Simian virus type 5	Cilia associated respiratory bacillus Helicobacter spp.

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<b>RODENT (RAT)</b>	
<b><u>Viral agents</u></b>	<b><u>Bacterial agents</u></b>
Endogenous retrovirus (replication competent) Hantaan virus Kilham rat virus Mouse encephalomyelitis virus Pneumonia virus of mice Rat coronavirus/Sialoadenitis virus Reovirus type 3 Sendai virus	Cilia associated respiratory bacillus Helicobacter spp.

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<b>PRIMATES (VERO CELL)</b>	
<b><u>Viral agents</u></b>	<b><u>Bacterial agents</u></b>
Bovine viral diarrhoea virus Endogenous retrovirus (replication competent) Herpesvirus Reovirus Simian virus 40 Simian virus 5	

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<b>FINFISH</b>	
<b><u>Viral agents</u></b>	<b><u>Bacterial agents</u></b>
Betanodavirus Channel catfish virus Epizootic haematopoietic necrosis virus (EHNV) Infectious haematopoietic necrosis virus (IHNV) Infectious pancreatic necrosis virus (IPNV) Infectious salmon anaemia virus (ISAV) Koi herpes virus Oncorhynchous masou virus Perch rhabdovirus Red sea bream iridovirus Salmon alphaviruses Spring viraemia of carp virus (SVCV) Viral haemorrhagic septicaemia virus (VHSV)	Aeromonas salmonicida (Ph.Eur 2.6.1 may be used provided the suitability of the Ph. Eur. 2.6.1 method to detect this agent is demonstrated). Edwardsiella ictaluri Fish-pathogenic Francisella spp. Flavobacterium psychrophilum Piscirickettsia salmonis Renibacterium salmoninarum, Vibrio anguillarum

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