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**CENTER FOR VETERINARY BIOLOGICS NOTICE 08-14**

**Subject:** Discontinued Reagent: GB Texas Newcastle Disease Challenge Virus

**To:** VS Management Team (VSMT)  
Directors, Center for Veterinary Biologics  
Biologics Licensees, Permittees, and Applicants

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this document is to notify veterinary biologics manufacturers that the GB Texas strain of Newcastle Disease Virus (NDV), a neurotrophic, velogenic virus commonly used as a challenge virus in efficacy and potency testing of NDV vaccines, as per Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations Part 113.205(b), and 113.329(c) will no longer be supplied by the Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB), effective the date of this notice.

**II. BACKGROUND**

The CVB supply of the current lot of GB Texas NDV challenge virus is depleted. Challenge virus acceptable to APHIS may be obtained from other vendors, including the National Veterinary Services Laboratories.

**III. ACTION**

The CVB will provide interested parties with information regarding production methods for this reagent upon request. Contact the reviewer assigned to your firm if interested in obtaining additional information.

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