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CENTER FOR VETERINARY BIOLOGICS NOTICE NO. 07-13

Subject: Availability of Feline Panleukopenia Virus Challenge Seed Material

To: Veterinary Services Management Team
Directors, Center for Veterinary Biologics
Biologics Licensees, Permittees, and Applicants

The purpose of this notice is to provide information regarding the availability of a new Feline Panleukopenia Virus (FPV) challenge seed culture, provided by the Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB).

The challenge seed culture contains a new field strain, isolated from the tissues of a cat during a natural outbreak of feline panleukopenia in California. The challenge seed culture has been tested as per 9 CFR 113.27 and 113.28 and is free of bacteria, fungi, and mycoplasma. The preparation is also free of extraneous viruses and *Chlamydomphila felis* (formerly known as feline *Chlamydia psittaci*), which qualifies it for distribution.

The previous FPV challenge material available from the CVB was to be diluted and inoculated directly into cats. The new FPV challenge seed culture is available in small quantities (1 mL) to be propagated by the recipient prior to use, as described in 9 CFR 113.2(d). The *in vivo* challenge virus produced by the recipient should be evaluated in cats prior to use in pivotal studies for licensure of biological products.

The FPV challenge seed virus is available upon request. Please follow the procedure outlined in Veterinary Services Memorandum 800.97 when requesting this reagent.

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