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Subject: Reinstatement of Erysipelothrix Rhusiopathiae Standard Reference Bacterin, IRP 529(05)

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

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice is to inform interested parties that the Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB) is reinstating Erysipelothrix Rhusiopathiae Standard Reference Bacterin, IRP 529(05) for use in testing in accordance with 9 CFR 113.119 with an expiration date of April 2, 2011.

II. BACKGROUND

The CVB is committed to providing quality references and reagents to their customers and stakeholders. Erysipelothrix Rhusiopathiae Standard Reference Bacterin (ERB), Serial 5 was used as the reference for conducting testing in accordance with 9 CFR 113.119 until the fall of 2007.

On September 11, 2007, CVB Notice 07-14 was published. This Notice announced the availability of a new standard reference bacterin designated IRP 529(05) and indicated that firms should use this bacterin in testing conducted after November 10, 2007. IRP 529(05) was withdrawn on March 3, 2008, with CVB Notice 08-04, while additional animal testing was conducted to alleviate concerns regarding the new bacterin.

The additional animal testing has been completed and we are reinstating IRP 529(05) with a starting dilution of 1:3 (i.e. 1:3 dilution of the supplied material is considered undiluted for the purpose of calculation) and an expiration date of April 2, 2011.

III. ACTION

Erysipelothrix Rhusiopathiae Standard Reference Bacterin, IRP 529(05) is reinstated with the publication of this Notice as the current reference bacterin for conducting testing in accordance with 9 CFR 113.119 with expiration date of April 2, 2011. This Reference Bacterin preparation is to be used with a 1:3 starting dilution of the supplied material considered undiluted for the purpose of calculation. By June 30, 2008, when Serial 5 expires, firms should have made the transition from Serial 5 to IRP 529(05). Please ensure that the reference used in testing is reported on the APHIS Form 2008.



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