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CENTER FOR VETERINARY BIOLOGICS NOTICE NO. 17-07

TO: Veterinary Services Leadership Team
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SUBJECT: Transfer of Availability of Cell Lines from the Center for Veterinary Biologics

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this notice is to notify veterinary biologics manufacturers and other interested parties that the Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB) will discontinue distributing cell lines previously listed in the CVB Reagents Catalog.

II. BACKGROUND

- A. The CVB has routinely provided cell lines to veterinary biologics manufacturers. Due to lack of resources, cell cultures will no longer be produced for distribution by the CVB. Cell lines that will no longer be provided include the following:
1. African Green Monkey Kidney Line (VERO)
 2. Bovine Turbinate (Botur)
 3. Dog Kidney Primary (DKP)
 4. Embryonic Bovine Kidney (low passage from Primary) (EBK)
 5. Embryonic Equine Kidney Primary (EEK)
 6. Equine Dermis Primary (EQDER)
 7. Hamster Kidney Line (BHK21C)
 8. Kitten Kidney Primary (KKP)
 9. Madin-Darby Bovine Kidney (MDBK-A)
 10. Madin-Darby Canine Kidney (MDCK)
 11. Marek's Derived Spleen B-lymphoblastoid (MSB-1)
 12. Mouse Synovial (MCCOYS)
 13. Porcine Kidney (PK15)
 14. SV-40 Virus Transformed Hamster Kidney (SV40)
 15. Swine Kidney Primary (SKP)
- B. Cell lines are available from commercial sources and from the USDA-APHIS National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL).

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III. ACTION

Biologics firms that wish to obtain cell lines for research purposes should contact commercial sources or the NVSL. To obtain cell lines from the NVSL, see the Reagents page of the NVSL website (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/lab-info-services/sa_reagents/ct_reagents).

Additional guidance regarding placing an order is also available by telephone at (515) 337-6200.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION/APPLICABILITY

This action is effective immediately. Cell lines are currently available from several commercial vendors and from the NVSL.