Annex 14

**USA COMMENTS IN RED FONT**

Chapter 8.16.

Infection with Rift Valley fever virus

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**Article 8.16.8.**

Recommendations for importation of semen and *in vivo* derived embryos of susceptible animals from countries or zones infected with RVFV

*Veterinary Authorities* should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that the donor animals:

1) showed no clinical signs of RVF within the period from 14 days prior to and 14 days following collection of the semen or embryos;

AND

2) either:

a) were vaccinated against RVF at least 14 days prior to collection; or

b) were subjected to a serological test on the day of collection, with positive result for antibodies against RVF due to vaccination; or

c) were subjected to a serological test on two occasions with negative results on the day of collection and at least 14 days after collection~~.~~; or

d) were subjected to a test for the detection of the agent with negative result on the day of collection.

**RATIONALE:** As proposed for adoption, it is unclear how a positive result supports absence of disease. Language has been provided to be specific by adding that a positive serological test is for antibodies due to the animal being vaccinated. If not, the serological test results should be negative for the virus. If the language provided for b) is not what was intended, then b) should be deleted entirely as conflicting with c).

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