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United States Department of Agriculture	CE	CENTER FOR VETERINARY BIOLOGICS NOTICE NO. 10-11	
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service	TO:	Biologics Licensees, Permittees, and Applicants Directors, Center for Veterinary Biologics	
Veterinary Services		Veterinary Services Management Team	
Center for Veterinary Biologics	FROM:	Richard E. Hill, Jr. /s/ Richard E. Hill, Jr. Director	
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(515) 337-6100	SUBJECT:	Obtaining the Testing Plan for Authorized Master Seed/Master Cell Sample Submissions	

## I. PURPOSE

This notice informs veterinary biologics licensees, permittees, and applicants of the procedure to obtain the Center for Veterinary Biologic (CVB) Master Seed/Cell testing plan after samples have been submitted.

## II. BACKGROUND

Biological Licensees, Permittees, and Applicants test candidate Master Seed and Cell Lots extensively for identity and purity. Upon completion of this testing, the firm submits to the CVB a complete report of the testing as described in Veterinary Services Memorandum 800.109. In response to an acceptable testing report, the CVB authorizes the submission of samples and provides an authorization number. Upon receipt of the samples, a preliminary testing plan is developed. Testing by the CVB may utilize alternative methods of testing from the firm's protocols and may include testing not conducted by the firm.

## **III. POLICY**

Following the authorized submission of candidate Master Seed/Cell, a firm may request in writing the testing plan for the samples. The preliminary testing plan, provided in response to the request, will specify the tests to be conducted on the submitted samples. The firm will be notified when additional tests may be deemed necessary. If a Master Seed/Cell cannot be propagated or is found to be contaminated, testing will be terminated and reported as unsatisfactory.

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