Annex 13

**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 Rift Valley fever virus (RVFV)

**RATIONALE:** Spelling out for first use.

*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; 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.

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