Public health: monitoring of zoonoses and zoonotic agents (amend. Decision 90/424/EEC, repeal. Directive 92/117/EEC)

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PURPOSE : to amend and replace Directive 92/117/EEC. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Directive 2003/99/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the monitoring of zoonoses and zoonotic agents, amending Council Decision 90/424/EEC and repealing Council Directive 92/117/EEC. CONTENT : the purpose of this Directive is to ensure that zoonoses, zoonotic agents and related antimicrobial resistance are properly monitored, and that food-borne outbreaks receive proper epidemiological investigation, to enable the collection in the Community of the information necessary to evaluate relevant trends and sources. This Directive covers: - the monitoring of zoonoses and zoonotic agents; - the monitoring of related antimicrobial resistance; - the epidemiological investigation of food-borne outbreaks; and - the exchange of information related to zoonoses and zoonotic agents. This Directive shall apply without prejudice to more specific Community provisions on animal health, animal nutrition, food hygiene, communicable human diseases, health and safety in the workplace, gene technology and transmissible spongiform encephalopathies. Member States shall collect relevant and comparable data in order to identify and characterise hazards, to assess exposures and to characterise risks related to zoonoses and zoonotic agents. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 12/12/2003. IMPLEMENTATION : 12/04/2004. The Member States shall apply those measures by 12/06/2004.