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RESOLUTION NUMBER: 10

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SOURCE:

USAHA/AAVLD COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH LABORATORY NETWORK

SUBJECT MATTER:

Laboratory Requirements for Program Disease Testing

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Quality assurance for animal disease laboratory testing and electronic messaging of diagnostic results are of critical importance for maintaining and enhancing the state of preparedness for actively managing diseases of high consequence to United States (US) animal health. Quality assured test results and seamless (electronic) connectivity of information between diagnostic laboratories and the appropriate state and federal veterinary medical agencies are needs of 21st century US animal agriculture.

RESOLUTION:

The American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) and the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) recommend that a working group inclusive of representation from AAVLD, USAHA, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) be formed to provide a formal review and subsequent recommendation for implementation of minimum quality and reporting requirements of laboratories responsible for conducting diagnostic testing associated with determination of animal disease status under the various USDA and FDA programs. The resulting review and recommendations for consideration should be provided to each of the contributing organizations prior to the 2017 Annual Meeting of USAHA and AAVLD.