

## **EURL remit & contact information**

Annex X to Regulation (EC) No. 999/2001 (Official Journal of the European Communities L Series vol 44 L147 p1-40) was last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1148/2014 of 28 October 2014. It states the requirements for TSE Reference Laboratories, sampling, and laboratory analysis methods, including the functions and duties of the EURL, which can be summarised as follows:

- Provision of expertise on the diagnosis and epidemiology of TSE.
- Coordination of methods employed within the European Union for the diagnosis of TSE, and active disease surveillance.
- Regular quality assurance assessments of rapid and confirmatory methods in use in NRLs.
- Characterisation of TSE isolates by the most relevant methods.
- Collection and collation of data and information on diagnostic methods and results.
- Development and maintenance of the NRL communication network
- Storage and supply of tissues and reference materials
- Active involvement in the evaluation of new tests, and modifications to existing commercial tests on behalf of the EC. Facilitation of the training and continual professional development of national experts through workshops, annual NRL conferences, guidance notes and ad hoc consultancy etc.

## **EURL contact details**

The EURL is a consortium between the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale del Piemonte, Liguria e Valle d'Aosta (IZSPLVA) and the Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS).

The IZSPLVA is the leading entity and the contact point for the Commission Services:

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