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FSVO Ordinance on Laboratory Animal Husbandry, the Production of Genetically Modified Animals and Methods of Animal Experimentation

(Animal Experimentation Ordinance)

Amendment of 20 December 2024

*The Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO)
ordains:*

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The Animal Experimentation Ordinance of 12 April 2010¹ is amended as follows:

Art. 10 para. 3 let., a

³ In small rodents the following methods for combined genotyping and marking are permitted:

- a. amputation of the distal phalanx of a toe in the first nine days after birth; not more than two toe tips per animal may be amputated;

Art. 17 para. 2 let. e

² The provisional report must contain the following information:

- e. planned termination criteria.

Art. 18 para. 2 let. c^{bis}

² The definitive report must contain the following information:

- c^{bis}. termination criteria to be applied;

¹ SR 455.163

Art. 27

(Art. 145 para. 2 and 4 AniWO)

¹ In the case of intercantonal animal experiments (Art. 139 para. 5 AniWO), the numbers of animals must be reported to the primary canton. They must be broken down according to canton.

² If animals change location during the experiment, they shall only be reported in the canton where the experiment mainly took place.

³ The primary canton shall check the report and send the animal numbers for all participant cantons to the FSVO in accordance with Article 145 paragraph 4 AniWO.

Art. 29

Content of reports on laboratory animal facilities

(Art. 145 para. 1 let. b and 1^{bis} AniWO)

¹ Reports on laboratory animal facilities must contain the following information:

- a. the number of animals born in the facility;
- b. number of imported animals;
- c. the number of animals that have not been used in an animal experiment and:
 1. have been supplied to third parties, or
 2. have been euthanised or have died.

² The numbers of animals shall be itemised by animal species.

³ The numbers of animals shall be specified as follows:

- a. numbers in accordance with paragraph 1 letter a:
 1. for mice and rats: from day 9 after birth,
 2. for fish and amphibians: from the free-feeding stage,
 3. for birds: from the date of hatching;
- b. numbers in accordance with paragraph 1 letter b:
 1. for imported eggs and larvae of fish and amphibians: from the free-feeding stage,
 2. for bird eggs: from the date of hatching;
- c. numbers in accordance with paragraph 1 letter c:
 1. for fish and amphibians: from the free-feeding stage,
 2. for birds: from the date of hatching,
 3. for all animals other than those in numbers 1 and 2: from birth.

⁴ Lines that have a clinical pathological phenotype shall be reported individually. Their designation must match that in the data sheet.

⁵ In the case of lines free of clinical pathological phenotype, the following may be summarised per species:

- a. genetically modified lines;

- b. non-genetically modified lines.

Art. 30 let. a and m

Applications for the approval of animal experiments must contain the following information:

- a. species, number, gender and origin of animals that are to be used in the experiment, bred for the experiment, or imported for the experiment;
- m. justification for the experiment, the methodology, the strain on the animal, the number of animals bred for the experiment and the number of animals used in the experiment;

Section title after Art. 31

Section 8: Final provisions

Art. 31a Transitional provision to the amendment of 20 December 2024

In derogation from Article 29 paragraphs 1 and 3, the reports on laboratory animal facilities relating to the calendar years up to 2025 must contain the following information:

- a. the number of animals born in the facility, counted at the time of weaning;
- b. the number of animals imported from abroad.

Art. 32 Article heading

Commencement

II

Annex 1 is amended as follows:

Let. e and g

- e. intracytoplasmic sperm injection in mouse and rat;
- g. use of endonucleases.

III

¹ This Ordinance comes into force subject to paragraph 2 on 1 February 2025.

² Article 30 letters a and m come into force on 1 February 2027.

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