1. INTENDED USE
This material has been prepared and characterised by the Statens Serum Institut (SSI), Copenhagen, Denmark. With effect from 1st July 1997, the National Institute for Biological Standards and Control (NIBSC), Potters Bar, UK is the custodian and distributor of this material.

For details of this International Standard, please refer to the enclosed package insert from the Statens Serum Institut.

The preparation is labelled ‘Rabies immunoglobulin’.

2. CAUTION
This preparation is not for administration to humans or animals in the human food chain.

The preparation contains material of human origin, and either the final product or the source materials, from which it is derived, have been tested and found negative for HBsAg, anti-HIV and HCV RNA. As with all materials of biological origin, this preparation should be regarded as potentially hazardous to health. It should be used and discarded according to your own laboratory’s safety procedures. Such safety procedures should include the wearing of protective gloves and avoiding the generation of aerosols. Care should be exercised in opening ampoules or vials, to avoid cuts.

3. UNITAGE
Each ampoule contains 30 International Units of rabies antibody

4. CONTENTS
Country of origin of biological material: USA, Austria and Germany.

This material contains the freeze dried residue of human immunoglobulin containing antibodies to rabies virus. This consists of approximately 50mg protein, 23mg amino acetic acid and 2.8mg sodium chloride. The plasma from which it was produced originated in the USA, Austria and Germany.

5. STORAGE
Ampoules should be stored at -20°C on receipt. Please note: because of the inherent stability of lyophilized material, NIBSC may ship these materials at ambient temperature.

6. DIRECTIONS FOR OPENING
Tap the ampoule gently to collect the material at the bottom (labelled) end. Ensure ampoule is scored all round at the narrow part of the neck, with a diamond or tungsten carbide tipped glass knife file or other suitable implement before attempting to open. Place the ampoule in the ampoule opener, positioning the score at position ‘A’; shown in the diagram below. Surround the ampoule with cloth or layers of tissue paper. Grip the ampoule and holder in the hand and squeeze at point ‘B’. The ampoule will snap open. Take care to avoid cuts and projectile glass fragments that enter eyes. Take care that no material is lost from the ampoule and that no glass falls into the ampoule.

7. USE OF MATERIAL
No attempt should be made to weigh out any portion of the freeze-dried material prior to reconstitution

Ampoules should be reconstituted in 1ml dH2O. This material can be used in RFFIT or mouse neutralisation tests.

8. STABILITY
Reference materials are held at NIBSC within assured, temperature-controlled storage facilities and they should be stored on receipt as indicated on the label. It is the policy of WHO not to assign an expiry date to their international reference materials. They remain valid with the assigned potency and status until withdrawn or amended.

NIBSC follows the policy of WHO with respect to its reference materials.

9. REFERENCES


10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
Not applicable

11. FURTHER INFORMATION
Further information can be obtained as follows;

This material: enquiries@nibsc.org
WHO Biological Standards: http://www.who.int/biologicals/en/

12. CUSTOMER FEEDBACK
Customers are encouraged to provide feedback on the suitability or use of the material provided or other aspects of our service. Please send any comments to enquiries@nibsc.org

13. CITATION
In all publications, including data sheets, in which this material is referenced, it is important that the preparation's title, its status, the NIBSC code number, and the name and address of NIBSC are cited and cited correctly.

14. MATERIAL SAFETY SHEET
Classification in accordance with Directive 2000/54/EC, Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008: Not applicable or not classified

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**Suggested First Aid**

- **Inhalation:** Seek medical advice
- **Ingestion:** Seek medical advice
- **Contact with eyes:** Wash with copious amounts of water. Seek medical advice
- **Contact with skin:** Wash thoroughly with water.

**Action on Spillage and Method of Disposal**

Spillage of ampoule contents should be taken up with absorbent material wetted with an appropriate disinfectant. Rinse area with an appropriate disinfectant followed by water. Absorbent materials used to treat spillage should be treated as biological waste.

15. **LIABILITY AND LOSS**

In the event that this document is translated into another language, the English language version shall prevail in the event of any inconsistencies between the documents.

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16. **INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMS USE ONLY**

**Country of origin for customs purposes**: Denmark

* Defined as the country where the goods have been produced and/or sufficiently processed to be classed as originating from the country of supply, for example a change of state such as freeze-drying.

**Net weight**: 1g

**Toxicity Statement**: Non-toxic

**Veterinary certificate or other statement** if applicable.

**Attached**: No

17. **CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS**

NIBSC does not provide a Certificate of Analysis for WHO Biological Reference Materials because they are internationally recognised primary reference materials fully described in the instructions for use. The reference materials are established according to the WHO Recommendations for the preparation, characterization and establishment of international and other biological reference standards http://www.who.int/bloodproducts/publications/TRS392Annex2_Inter_biologicalstandardsrev2004.pdf (revised 2004). They are officially endorsed by the WHO Expert Committee on Biological Standardization (ECBS) based on the report of the international collaborative study which established their suitability for the intended use.
3. GENERAL REMARKS ABOUT INTERNATIONAL REFERENCE MATERIALS

International biological standards and international reference preparations include a range of products uniformly throughout the world in the designation of the potency of preparations used in the production, therapy, or diagnosis of diseases. When the standard should be used along with other materials of "effective composition", the standard in the material in which the reference can be made available.

International biological reference materials are intended for use in the calibration of the dose of "effective composition" in national or working standard preparations and for the suppression of these materials in the production of international biological standards or reference preparations. The national or working standards should be used in order to ensure as much as possible the international reference materials. These are only sold to individual laboratories in very limited amounts. International Reference Materials are designated only if they can be standardized against the "effective composition".

5. REFERENCES

2. Biologicals: in press

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