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Dear Valued WC PVL Clients,

We regret to inform you that the *Brucella abortus* Milk Ring Test (MRT) will be suspended until further notice due to the shortage of suitable MRT reagents.

The last day of receiving milk samples for MRT testing is therefore 22 January 2026, and any samples received after this date will be at risk of not being tested depending on reagent availability at the time of testing.

We thank you for your continued support.

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Kind regards

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