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**APPENDIX VIII - Sterility Testing of Blood for Media**

Initial testing (performed by blood culture bench)

On receipt in the laboratory, each bottle is assigned a letter (A, B, C, etc.). Aerobic BacT/Alert bottles are labelled with corresponding letters. The smaller portion of the barcode is attached to the original bottle of blood.

Enter the data in the LIS as follows:

MRN: 777777777

TESTS: BLOOD CULTURES

SOURCE: BFA

SITE: HORSE / SHEEP, LOT #, EXP DATE

With a needle and syringe, 2.5 mL of blood is aseptically transferred from each bottle of blood and inoculated into separate BacT/Alert bottles. The original bottles of blood are immediately refrigerated and the BacT/Alert bottles loaded and processed as routine specimens.

If any BacT/Alert bottle gives a positive reading, the QA technologist must be informed ASAP and the original bottle of blood is removed from use. The BacT/Alert bottle is Gram stained and subcultured to BRUC (AnO<sub>2</sub>) and CHOC (CO<sub>2</sub>). Identification to the species level (e.g. staphylococcus, diphtheroid, etc.) will be sufficient.