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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 30 April 1997

amending, as regards certain Spanish regions, Decision 93/52/EEC recording the compliance by certain Member States or regions with the requirements relating to brucellosis (*B. melitensis*) and according them the status of a Member State or region officially free of the disease

(Text with EEA relevance)

(97/315/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/68/EEC of 28 January 1991 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in ovine and caprine animals⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Decision 94/953/EC⁽²⁾, and in particular Annex A, Chapter 1.II thereof,

Whereas, by Commission Decision 93/52/EEC⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 94/972/EC⁽⁴⁾, the Commission recorded compliance by certain Member States or regions with the requirements relating to brucellosis (*B. melitensis*) and accorded them the status of a Member State or region officially free of the disease;

Whereas in the regions of Santa Cruz de Tenerife and Las Palmas brucellosis has been a notifiable disease for at least five years; whereas no case has been confirmed officially there for at least five years and vaccination has been banned for at least three years; whereas it should be therefore recorded that these regions comply with the requirements laid down in Annex A, Chapter 1.II (1) (b) to Directive 91/68/EEC;

Whereas the regions of Santa Cruz de Tenerife and Las Palmas therefore satisfy the conditions to be recognized officially free of brucellosis;

Whereas Spain furthermore undertakes to comply with Annex A Chapter 1.II (2) of Council Directive

91/68/EEC; whereas the status of Santa Cruz de Tenerife and Las Palmas should therefore be recognized as officially free of brucellosis (*B. melitensis*) and Decision 93/52/EEC should be amended accordingly;

Whereas sheep and goats introduced onto holdings in Santa Cruz de Tenerife and Las Palmas must therefore comply with the conditions laid down in Annex A Chapter 1.I.D to Council Directive 91/68/EEC;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following paragraph is added to Annex II ('Regions') to Decision 93/52/EEC:

'In Spain: Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Las Palmas'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 30 April 1997.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 46, 19. 2. 1991, p. 19.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 371, 31. 12. 1994, p. 14.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 13, 21. 1. 1993, p. 14.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 371, 31. 12. 1994, p. 48.