

COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 January 2003

amending 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

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2003/44/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 2002/261/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Annex A, Chapter 1.II thereto,

Whereas:

- (1) In Portugal, brucellosis has been a notifiable disease for at least five years.
- (2) In the Autonomous Region of Azores at least 99,8 % of the ovine or caprine holdings are officially brucellosis-free holdings. This Region undertakes, furthermore, to comply with Annex A Chapter 1.II(2) to Directive 91/68/EEC.
- (3) The Autonomous Region of Azores should consequently be recognised as officially free of brucellosis (*B. melitensis*).
- (4) Commission Decision 93/52/EEC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 2002/482/EC ⁽⁴⁾, should therefore be amended accordingly.

- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex II to Decision 93/52/EEC is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 January 2003.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 46, 19.2.1991, p. 19.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 91, 6.4.2002, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 13, 21.1.1993, p. 14.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 166, 25.6.2002, p. 23.

ANNEX

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In France:

Ain, Aisne, Allier, Ardèche, Ardennes, Aube, Aveyron, Cantal, Charente, Charente-Maritime, Cher, Corrèze, Côte-d'Or, Côtes-d'Armor, Creuse, Deux-Sèvres, Dordogne, Doubs, Essonne, Eure, Eure-et-Loir, Finistère, Gers, Gironde, Hauts-de-Seine, Haute-Loire, Haute-Vienne, Ile-et-Vilaine, Indre, Indre-et-Loire, Jura, Loir-et-Cher, Loire, Loire-Atlantique, Loiret, Lot-et-Garonne, Lot, Lozère, Maine-et-Loire, Manche, Marne, Mayenne, Morbihan, Nièvre, Nord, Oise, Orne, Pas-de-Calais, Puy-de-Dôme, Rhône, Haute-Saône, Saône-et-Loire, Sarthe, Seine-Maritime, Seine-Saint-Denis, Territoire de Belfort, Val-de-Marne, Val-d'Oise, Vendée, Vienne, Yonne, Yvelines, Ville de Paris, Vosges.

In Italy:

Bolzano.

In Portugal:

Autonomous Region of Azores.

In Spain:

Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Las Palmas.'
