

**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2015/1784****of 2 October 2015****amending Annex II to Decision 2003/467/EC as regards the declaration of the region of Northern Ireland of the United Kingdom as officially brucellosis-free as regards bovine herds***(notified under document C(2015) 6630)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Directive 64/432/EEC of 26 June 1964 on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular paragraph 7 of Annex A.II. thereto,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive 64/432/EEC applies to trade within the Union in bovine animals. It lays down the conditions whereby a region of a Member State may be declared officially brucellosis-free as regards bovine herds.
- (2) Chapter 2 of Annex II to Commission Decision 2003/467/EC <sup>(2)</sup> lists the regions of Member States which are declared officially brucellosis-free as regards bovine herds. In the entry for the United Kingdom of that Chapter the regions England, Scotland and Wales and also the Isle of Man are already listed.
- (3) The United Kingdom has submitted to the Commission documentation demonstrating compliance for the region of Northern Ireland with the conditions laid down in Directive 64/432/EEC for officially brucellosis-free status as regards bovine herds. Accordingly, it should be declared an officially brucellosis-free region as regards bovine herds.
- (4) The list set out in Chapter 2 of Annex II to Decision 2003/467/EC should therefore be amended to include Northern Ireland.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Annex II to Decision 2003/467/EC is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 2 October 2015.

*For the Commission*  
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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L21, 29.7.1964, p. 1977/64.

<sup>(2)</sup> Commission Decision 2003/467/EC of 23 June 2003 establishing the official tuberculosis, brucellosis and enzootic-bovine-leukosis-free status of certain Member States and regions of Member States as regards bovine herds (OJ L 156, 25.6.2003, p. 74).

## ANNEX

In Chapter 2 of Annex II to Decision 2003/467/EC, the entry for the United Kingdom is replaced by the following:

'In the United Kingdom:

- Great Britain: England, Scotland, Wales,
  - Isle of Man,
  - Northern Ireland.'
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