

**COMMISSION DECISION**  
**of 27 February 2004**  
**amending Decision 93/52/EEC as regards the recognition of certain provinces in Italy as officially free of brucellosis**

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2004/199/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 <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Annex A, Chapter 1, point II thereto,

Whereas:

- (1) In Italy, in the Provinces of Rieti and Viterbo (Region of Lazio) brucellosis (*Brucella melitensis*) has been a notifiable disease for at least five years.
- (2) In the Provinces of Rieti and Viterbo, at least 99,8 % of the ovine or caprine holdings are officially brucellosis-free holdings. These Provinces undertake, furthermore, to comply with Annex A, Chapter 1, point II(2), to Directive 91/68/EEC.
- (3) The Provinces of Rieti and Viterbo should consequently be recognised as officially free of brucellosis (*Brucella melitensis*).
- (4) Commission Decision 93/52/EEC of 21 December 1992 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 <sup>(2)</sup> 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, 27 February 2004.

*For the Commission*  
David BYRNE  
*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 46, 19.2.1991, p. 19. Directive as last amended by Commission Decision 2003/708/EC (OJ L 258, 10.10.2003, p. 11).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 13, 21.1.1993, p. 14. Decision as last amended by Decision 2003/732/EC (OJ L 264, 15.10.2003, p. 30).

## ANNEX

## 'ANNEX II

*In France:*

## Départements:

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-Loire, Finistère, Gers, Gironde, Hauts-de-Seine, Haute-Loire, Haute-Vienne, Ille-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:*

- Region Lazio: Provinces of Rieti and Viterbo.
- Region Lombardia: Provinces of Bergamo, Brescia, Como, Cremona, Lecco, Lodi, Mantova, Milano, Pavia, Sondrio, Varese.
- Region Sardinia: Provinces of Cagliari, Nuoro, Oristano and Sassari.
- Region Trentino-Alto Adige: Provinces of Bolzano and Trento.
- Region Tuscany: Province of Arezzo.

*In Portugal:*

Autonomous Region of the Azores.

*In Spain:*

Autonomous Region of Canary Islands: Provinces of Santa Cruz de Tenerife and Las Palmas.'

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