

**COMMISSION DECISION**  
**of 15 July 1999**  
**establishing the officially tuberculosis-free status of bovine herds of certain Member States or**  
**regions of Member States and repealing Decision 97/76/EC**

(notified under document number C(1999) 2124)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(1999/467/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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>, as last amended by Council Directive 98/99/EC <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Annex AI(4) thereof,

- (1) Whereas Member States or regions of Member States may be declared officially tuberculosis-free if they meet certain conditions set up in Directive 64/432/EEC;
- (2) Whereas, Commission Decision 97/76/EC <sup>(3)</sup> of 17 December 1996 laying down the methods of control for maintaining the officially tuberculosis-free status of bovine herds in certain Member States and regions of Member States, specifies the Member States and regions within Member States that fulfil these criteria;
- (3) Whereas this Decision will not be adapted to the legal situation on 1 July 1999 since Directive 64/432/EEC was amended by Directive 98/46/EC <sup>(4)</sup>; whereas moreover certain provisions for the recognition as officially tuberculosis-free Member State or region have been modified by Directive 98/46/EC; whereas it is necessary to repeal Decision 97/76/EC;
- (4) Whereas in accordance with the provisions of Directive 64/432/EEC Member States or regions may be declared officially tuberculosis-free if they meet the conditions of Annex AI(4) and they retain their status as long as the conditions of Annex AI(5) are fulfilled;
- (5) Whereas the Commission may decide to suspend or revoke the officially tuberculosis-free status of Member States in accordance with the provisions in Annex AI(5) of that Directive;
- (6) Whereas in accordance with Annex AI(4)(b) an identification system allowing the identification of herds of origin and transit for each bovine animal in accordance

with Council Regulation (EC) No 820/97 <sup>(5)</sup> is a prerequisite for granting the officially free status for bovine tuberculosis;

- (7) 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 Member States and regions thereof referred to respectively in Annexes I and II are declared officially free of bovine tuberculosis.

*Article 2*

The Decision shall be reviewed by 31 December 1999.

*Article 3*

Decision 97/76/EC is hereby repealed.

*Article 4*

This Decision shall apply from 1 July 1999.

*Article 5*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 15 July 1999.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 121, 29.7.1964, p. 1977/64.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 358, 31.12.1998, p. 107.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 19, 22.1.1997, p. 34.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 198, 15.7.1998, p. 22.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 117, 7.5.1997, p. 1.

*ANNEX I***MEMBER STATES DECLARED OFFICIALLY FREE OF BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 1999**

Denmark

Austria

Germany

Finland

Luxembourg

Sweden

Netherlands

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*ANNEX II***REGIONS OF MEMBER STATES DECLARED OFFICIALLY FREE OF BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS UNTIL  
31 DECEMBER 1999**

Province Bolzano (Italy)

Province Trento (Italy)