

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION**of 9 August 2013****amending Decision 2007/453/EC as regards the BSE status of Costa Rica, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Slovenia and the United States***(notified under document C(2013) 5160)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2013/429/EU)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2001 laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 5(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 provides that Member States, third countries or regions thereof ('countries or regions') are to be classified according to their bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) status into one of three categories: negligible BSE risk, controlled BSE risk and undetermined BSE risk.
- (2) The Annex to Commission Decision 2007/453/EC ⁽²⁾ lists countries or regions according to their BSE status.
- (3) The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) plays a leading role in the categorisation of countries or regions according to their BSE risk. The list in the Annex to Decision 2007/453/EC takes account of Resolution No 16 — Recognition of the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Risk Status of Members — adopted by the OIE in May 2012.
- (4) In May 2013, the OIE adopted Resolution No 20 — Recognition of the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Risk Status of Member Countries. That Resolution

recognised Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Slovenia and the United States as having a negligible BSE risk, and Costa Rica as having a controlled BSE risk. The list in the Annex to Decision 2007/453/EC should therefore be amended to be brought into line with that Resolution as regards those countries.

- (5) Decision 2007/453/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) 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

The Annex to Decision 2007/453/EC is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 August 2013.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 147, 31.5.2001, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 172, 30.6.2007, p. 84.

ANNEX

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LIST OF COUNTRIES OR REGIONS**A. Countries or regions with a negligible BSE risk***Member States*

- Belgium
- Denmark
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Austria
- Slovenia
- Finland
- Sweden

European Free Trade Association countries

- Iceland
- Norway

Third countries

- Argentina
- Australia
- Brazil
- Chile
- Colombia
- India
- Israel
- Japan
- New Zealand
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Singapore
- United States
- Uruguay

B. Countries or regions with a controlled BSE risk*Member States*

- Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, United Kingdom

European Free Trade Association countries

- Liechtenstein
- Switzerland

Third countries

- Canada
- Costa Rica
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- South Korea
- Taiwan

C. Countries or regions with an undetermined BSE risk

- Countries or regions not listed in point A or B.
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