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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 12 July 2002, has been received from the United States.

Change in Disease Status of Finland Because of BSE

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA is adopting as a final rule, without change, an interim rule (notified as G/SPS/N/USA/565) that amended the regulations by adding Finland to the list of regions where bovine spongiform encephalopathy exists because the disease had been detected in a native-born animal in that region. Finland had already been listed among the regions that presents an undue risk of introducing bovine spongiform encephalopathy into the United States, so the effect of the interim rule was a continued restriction on the importation of ruminants, meat, meat products, and certain other products of ruminants that have been in Finland. The interim rule was necessary in order to update the disease status of Finland regarding bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

The interim rule became effective on 7 December 2001.

The full text of this addendum (final rule) is available from the address below.

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