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HEALTH STATUS WITH REGARD TO BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY (BSE)

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The following communication, dated 16 August 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Nicaragua.

1. During the 86th General Session of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), held from 20 to 25 May 2018, Resolution No. 26 of 22 May was adopted, which officially recognized Nicaragua as having a "negligible BSE risk". The country was therefore added to the list of Member Countries recognized as having a negligible BSE risk, in accordance with Chapter 11.4 of the Terrestrial Code.
2. This recognition is based on the documents submitted by Nicaragua to the OIE in accordance with the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the OIE (2017) following the recommendation of the OIE Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases.
3. This recognition was announced by the OIE at the 72nd Meeting of the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures on 12 and 13 June 2018 (G/SPS/GEN/1633).
4. The Resolution is available in Spanish on:
 - The OIE website: http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/esp/About_us/docs/pdf/Session/2018/E_RESO_2018.pdf;
 - the National Enquiry Point: Institute for Agricultural and Livestock Protection and Health (IPSA) website: <http://www.ipsa.gob.ni>; Email: Santiago.rodriguez@ipsa.gob.ni.
5. Lastly, Nicaragua wishes to state that this communication is being made for purposes of transparency, without prejudice to the country's rights and obligations under the SPS Agreement.