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#### BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY (BSE)

### Submission of Brazil

The following communication was received from the Permanent Mission of Brazil on 20 January 1998.

The Minister of Agriculture and Supply of Brazil has issued Administrative Directive No. 516, of 9 December 1997, which declares Brazil free of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). Such measure is based on Article 3.2.13.2 of the International Animal Health Code, modified by the OIE during its 65th General Assembly.

Among other measures, the above mentioned Administrative Directive determines that the recommendations established in Article 3.2.13.2 of the International Animal Health Code in order to prevent the spread of a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE) are to be applied as of 1 January 1998.