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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF 21-22 MARCH 2013

NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT1

Corrigendum

The following paragraph should be corrected with the addition of a final sentence to read as follows:

2.1.5 Brazil - Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Case in Brazil - Final Report

2.6 Brazil reported on the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) case first notified on 7 December 2012, following the confirmation of the diagnosis by the OIE International Reference Laboratory. Brazil emphasized that this was a single case that involved one native cow raised throughout its productive life on pasture and mineral supplements and that died at approximately 13 years of age. The laboratory and epidemiological investigations revealed no evidence of the use of potentially contaminated feedstuff or any other feed which could lead to suspicions about the use of meat and bone meal in those farms. The event was a case of atypical BSE which was rare and spontaneous. Moreover, the epidemiological situation of Brazil had not been altered by the notification of this BSE case, as the Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases (SCAD/OIE) had maintained the classification of Brazil as a country with negligible risk for BSE. In addition, the investigations on the BSE case in Brazil were considered to be closed. More information can be found in G/SPS/GEN/1232. Given the decision of the OIE and the explanations presented regarding that BSE case, Brazil asked all WTO Members that maintain restrictions on Brazilian beef to eliminate them.

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