

## ANNEX 1

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1	To consider reinforcing biosecurity measures to pursue the objectives laid down in Point 1, (c) of the Annex to Commission Decision 2008/341/EC;	Funds and special measures are under discussion and have to be presented by the Government Commissioner for the eradication of buffalo brucellosis in Caserta, in order to strengthen and implement adequate biosecurity measures in all buffalo holdings in the province of Caserta. A copy of the order of the Commissioner will be sent as soon as available.
2	To ensure that the national database is kept up to date in accordance with the guarantees given by the Italian authorities as cited in Commission Decision 2006/132/EC;	Ordinanza Ministeriale 14-11-2006, with special measures for the eradication of brucellosis in Calabria, Campania, Puglia and Sicilia, has to be renewed by next January 2010. With the renew of the ordinanza the local veterinary services will be obliged to update periodically the national database, especially in case of non compliance of the owner or person responsible for the holding.
3	To ensure that the conditions for excluding animals from the programme are in accordance with Chapter II of Annex A of Council Directive 64/432/EEC;	We confirm that all herds proposed for exclusion from the programme are fattening units which fulfil the bio-security requirements and operate sending exclusively animals for direct slaughter. According to national legislation (Decreto Ministeriale 651/94) these fattening units are gathering animals coming from officially free holdings only.

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4	To ensure that laboratory testing and communication of results are done within the deadlines laid down in the eradication plan approved by Commission Decision 2008/897/EC, Article 1.1Â .	Two inspections have been carried out, one from the Ministry of Health to the ASL Caserta and one from the National Reference Center for brucellosis to the laboratory of Caserta of the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale (IZS) del Mezzogiorno. The problem of the delay in the communication of the results has been raised by the inspectors and both IZS of Mezzogiorno and ASL have assured their commitment in order to guarantee a steady flow of the blood samples to the laboratory and the consequent respect of the deadline foreseen by the national legislation in the communication of the results.
5	To ensure the identification and registration of vaccinated animals as required in Commission Decision 2002/598/EC, Article 3.5;	Vaccinated animals are not subjected to intra-Community trade, with vaccination attested in the passport. They are identified with electronic bolus and they are inserted as vaccinated animals into the SANAN system (Internet). We think the requisites of paragraph 5, article 3 of Decision 2002/598/EC are respected.

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6	To ensure that food safety requirements in relation to bovine brucellosis in fresh meat and dairy products are complied with in all relevant establishments, in particular those in Regulation (EC) No 853/2004, Annex III, Section I and IX, and Regulation (EC) No 854/2004, Annex I, Section III and Annex IV.	<p>The CCA asked the Regional Competent Authorities involved in the FVO mission (Calabria e Campania) to take corrective actions with regard to issues identified during the mission and to inform them on the results, with the attached letter (<u>Annex 2</u>) n. 30369, 23th October 2009.</p> <p>The CCA has already planned inspections in the above mentioned Regions to be carried out by the end of the year.</p> <p>During inspections performed by Office III to date, the compliance of food operators to the requirements of Annex III, Section I and IX of Reg. EC 853/2004 was taken into consideration.</p> <p>In fact, the Office III, carried out six missions (Liguria, Tuscany, Valle d'Aosta, Puglia, Sardinia, Sicily), during which own check procedures of brucellosis and tuberculosis hazards were assessed.</p>