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**of 21 April 1993**

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(93/317/EEC)

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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/102/EEC of 27 November 1992 on the identification and registration of animals [1], and in particular Article 5 (2) (a) thereof,

Whereas this code must provide for each bovine animal to be identified individually and for its Member State and holding of origin to be identified; whereas a two-letter code should be used to identify each Member State;

Whereas the holding of origin may be identifed by a number or a series of numbers unique to each holding; whereas each competent authority must choose the numbering system for holdings under its control; whereas the code must be completed by numbers or letters identifying the individual animal;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

1. The code on a bovine ear mark shall start with the letters identifying the Member State of origin in accordance with the following table:

| | |
|---|---|
| Belgium | BE |
| Denmark | DK |
| France | FR |
| Germany | DE |
| Greece | EL |
| Ireland | IE |
| Italy | IT |
| Luxembourg | LU |
| Netherlands | NL |
| Portugal | PT |
| Spain | ES |
| United Kingdom | UK |
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| Austria | AT |
| Finland | FI |
| Sweden | SE |

[1] OJ No L 355, 5. 12. 1992, p. 32.

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2. The code shall be completed by a series of numbres and/or letters which make it possible to identify each animal individually along with the holding on which it was born.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.