COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 April 1993

concerning the content of the code to be used on bovine ear marks

(93/317/EEC)

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

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.

Done at Brussels, 21 April 1993.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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