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Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) risk status

Dear Delegate,

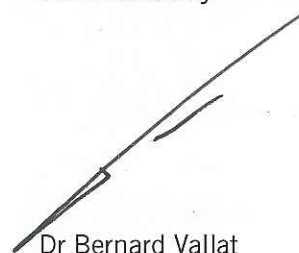
The OIE Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases (Scientific Commission) met from 4 to 8 February 2013 and considered the recommendation made by the *ad hoc* Group on BSE risk status evaluation of Member Countries in response to your request to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) for the recognition of your country as having a negligible or controlled risk for BSE in accordance with the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code (Terrestrial Code)*.

I am pleased to inform you that the Scientific Commission concluded that Israel fulfilled the requirements to be recognised as a Member Country having a negligible risk for BSE in accordance with Article 11.5.3. of the *Terrestrial Code*.

A letter will be sent to all OIE Delegates giving them 60 days to request any information substantiating this decision should they wish to do so.

With regards,

Yours sincerely



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