

[<sup>F1</sup>][<sup>F2</sup>][<sup>F3</sup> ANNEX C

BRUCELLOSIS

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Substituted by Council Directive 97/12/EC of 17 March 1997 amending and updating Directive 64/432/EEC on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine.
- F2** Substituted by Commission Regulation (EC) No 535/2002 of 21 March 2002 amending Annex C to Council Directive 64/432/EEC and amending Decision 2000/330/EC.
- F3** Substituted by Commission Decision of 10 December 2008 amending Annex C to Council Directive 64/432/EEC and Decision 2004/226/EC as regards diagnostic tests for bovine brucellosis (notified under document number C(2008) 7642) (Text with EEA relevance) (2008/984/EC).

3. COMPLEMENTARY TESTS

3.1. Brucellosis skin test (BST)

3.1.1. Conditions for the use of BST

- (a) The brucellosis skin test shall not be used for the purpose of certification for intra-Community trade.
- (b) The brucellosis skin test is one of the most specific tests for the detection of brucellosis in unvaccinated animals; however diagnosis must not be made on the basis of positive intradermal reactions alone.
- (c) Bovine animals, tested with negative result in one of the serological tests defined in this Annex and reacting positively to the BST shall be regarded as infected or suspected to be infected.
- (d) Bovine animals, tested with positive result in one of the serological tests defined in this Annex may be subject to a BST in order to support the interpretation of the serological test results; in particular where in officially brucellosis-free or brucellosis-free bovine herds a cross-reaction with antibodies against other bacteria cannot be excluded.]]]