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ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2001/21
GERMANY AND ITALY: LIFTING OF TEMPORARY FMD
RESTRICTIONS

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) advises stakeholders of the lifting of the temporary foot and mouth disease (FMD) restrictions on product from Germany and Italy, effective 16 August 2001.

Further to earlier advice on the lifting of the temporary FMD restrictions on EU Member States, the Director of Quarantine has approved Germany and Italy. This decision takes effect from 16 August 2001.

Germany and Italy have provided detailed responses that, combined with information from the European Commission, present all the necessary information to confirm their FMD-free status. Germany has been free from FMD since 1988 and Italy since 1993.

I would be grateful if you would pass details of this notice to other interested parties, who should advise Biosecurity Australia if they wish to be included in future communications on this matter.

Confidentiality

Respondents are advised that, subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Privacy Act 1988*, all submissions received in response to Animal Biosecurity Policy Memoranda will be publicly available and may be listed or referred to in any papers or reports prepared on the subject matter of the Memoranda.

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