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Corrigendum

Italy

BTN 04.06: at page 5 of MTN/3E/DOC/9/Add.5/Corr.1 under "(c) Comments by country maintaining measures" insert the following:

The measures adopted by Italy by Ministerial Order of 14 November 1974, published in the Gazzetta Ufficiale (Official Gazette) No. 318 of 7 December 1972, laying down sanitary regulations for imports of honey and beeswax, cannot be counted as tariff obstacles to international trade and should not be considered as an arbitrary discrimination or a concealed restriction on trade, but merely as sanitary provisions designed to protect Italy's native apiculture.

The sole purpose of these measures is to prevent the introduction from abroad of contagious diseases of bees through imports of honey, since honey is a potential carrier of the germs responsible for the diseases in question.

It should be remembered that, in Italy, diseases of bees such as European foul brood, American foul brood, noseema and acariasis, have to be notified and that, among the various protective veterinary measures applicable to infected hives, it is forbidden to collect honey which has not been sterilized in accordance with Article 154 et seq. of the Veterinary Regulations in force, approved by Presidential Decree No. 321 of 8 February 1954, published in the ordinary supplement to the Gazzetta Ufficiale No. 142 of 24 June 1954. This prevents any possibility of the disease spreading through trade in infected honey.

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