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In [Chapter 11.4 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code](#), the recommendations for imports make reference to the date from which **the risk of BSE agents being recycled within the bovine population could be considered negligible ('starting date')**. Based on the table below, the starting date can be estimated as follows:

- For Members and zones with negligible BSE risk status: at least 8 years prior to the year of official recognition by WOAH, and
- For Members and zones with a controlled BSE risk status: at least from the year of official recognition by WOAH.

For example, based on the information in the table:

- **if Member X has 2008 as the year of official recognition (controlled risk), the starting date would be at least from 2008,**
- **if Member X has 2008 as the year of official recognition (negligible risk), the starting date would be at least from 2000.**

Members may demonstrate to and reach agreement by trade partners that the starting date is different or earlier than what could be determined by using the aforementioned method through bilateral discussions.

The information displayed in the table has been published with the agreement of the Delegates to WOAH of the concerned Members.

Official statuses come into force on the date indicated on the relevant Resolution published further to the General Session. The dates of adoption and entry into force of Resolutions of the past General Session can be found [here](#). Please note that the first year of WOAH official categorisation of BSE risk status was in May 2007.

For information on the current BSE risk status, please go to the [BSE Official Disease status webpage](#).

Member	Year of official recognition	Official status recognised at the General Session
Argentina	2007	Negligible BSE risk
Australia	2007	Negligible BSE risk
Austria	2012	Negligible BSE risk
Belgium	2012	Negligible BSE risk
Bolivia	2020	Negligible BSE risk
Brazil	2012	Negligible BSE risk
Bulgaria	2014	Negligible BSE risk
Canada	2007	Controlled BSE risk
Chile	2009	Negligible BSE risk
China (People's Rep. of) with the exclusion of Hong Kong and Macau	2014	Negligible BSE risk
Chinese Taipei	2007	Controlled BSE risk
Colombia	2012	Negligible BSE risk
Costa Rica	2016	Negligible BSE risk
Croatia	2014	Negligible BSE risk
Cyprus	2015	Negligible BSE risk
Czech Republic	2015	Negligible BSE risk
Denmark	2011	Negligible BSE risk
Ecuador	2019	Controlled BSE risk
Estonia	2014	Negligible BSE risk

Finland	2008	Negligible BSE risk
France	2015	Negligible BSE risk
Germany	2016	Negligible BSE risk
Greece	2008	Controlled BSE risk
Hungary	2014	Negligible BSE risk
Iceland	2008	Negligible BSE risk
India	2010	Negligible BSE risk
Ireland	2015	Negligible BSE risk
Israel	2013	Negligible BSE risk
Italy	2013	Negligible BSE risk
Japan	2013	Negligible BSE risk
Korea (Rep. of)	2014	Negligible BSE risk
Latvia	2014	Negligible BSE risk
Liechtenstein	2015	Negligible BSE risk
Lithuania	2016	Negligible BSE risk
Luxembourg	2014	Negligible BSE risk
Malta	2014	Negligible BSE risk
Mexico	2016	Negligible BSE risk
Namibia	2016	Negligible BSE risk
Netherlands	2013	Negligible BSE risk
New-Zealand	2007	Negligible BSE risk
Nicaragua	2018	Negligible BSE risk
Norway	2008	Negligible BSE risk
Panama	2011	Negligible BSE risk
Paraguay	2008	Negligible BSE risk
Peru	2010	Negligible BSE risk
Poland	2008	Controlled BSE risk
Portugal	2014	Negligible BSE risk
Romania	2014	Negligible BSE risk
Russia	2022	Controlled BSE risk
Serbia	2019	Negligible BSE risk
Singapore	2007	Negligible BSE risk
Slovakia	2014	Negligible BSE risk
Slovenia	2013	Negligible BSE risk
Spain	2016	Negligible BSE risk
Sweden	2008	Negligible BSE risk
Switzerland	2015	Negligible BSE risk
United Kingdom - England and Wales (Zone)	2008	Controlled BSE risk
United Kingdom - Northern Ireland (Zone)		
United Kingdom - Scotland (Zone)		
United Kingdom - Jersey (Zone)	2020	Negligible BSE risk
United States of America	2013	Negligible BSE risk
Uruguay	2007	Negligible BSE risk