



IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

OVS Note/2017/10

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IMPORTS OF MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS FROM BRAZIL

Purpose

1. To advise you of the latest position in relation to imports of meat and meat products from Brazil.

Background

- [OVS note 2017/07](#) issued on 22 March advised of reports of food fraud in Brazil implicating some food product establishments that are approved to export to the EU. This was followed up with an update to BIPs on 30 March.
- The issue was discussed by the European Commission and Member States at the Veterinary Checks Expert Group last week. The outcome of that meeting is that we must:
 - Continue the current level of physical (100%) and microbiological (20%) checks. This will continue until after the Commission's audit to Brazil in May and the findings have been considered;
 - there are no exemptions to microbiological testing meat and meat products that present a low health risk (i.e. canned and processed products);
 - BIPs should target their 20% of microbiological checks at products that present a greater risk, such as raw and frozen products;
- The Commission also reminded MSs that results for re-enforced checks (RECs) must be entered onto TRACES as soon as possible as significant delays can cause a further series of RECs.



Action for OVSs

5. Please note the information above.

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