



IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

OVS Note/2017/17

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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

2. [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 and 11 May.

3. The issue was discussed at the CVO meeting on 21-23 June in Malta. At the meeting they informed CVOs of that they were in contact with the Brazilian authorities to get precise information on the implementation measures, in particular on the implementation of pre-export checks. The Commission has issued updated information on the latest developments. This is set out in the attached note.

4. Summary of the Latest developments:

- **Horse meat.** The Brazilian Ministry has delisted all establishment approved for the export of horse meat to the EU. Any consignment of Brazilian horse meat arriving at BIPs should be rejected;
- **Approval of establishments.** No new Brazilian establishments will be added to EU approved lists. However, lists will be modified to delist establishments;
- **Pre-shipment checks.** All consignment of poultry meat, meat preparations (all species) and meat product (all species) exported after 7 July 2017 are subject to pre-shipment checks;



- **Additional certification:** An additional attestation should be attached to health certificates of all consignments of poultry meat, meat preparations (all species) and meat products (all species) from Brazil after 7 July 2017. The details of sampling, methods of analysis used and all results must be attached to the certificate. A copy of the Declaration is also attached.

5. After evaluation of Brazils action plan the Commission has asked Brazil to strengthen their proposed corrective measures as they remain insufficient to address the Commissions concerns. They are expected report on a monthly to the Commission.

6. The Commission will carry out an on the spot follow up audit later this year to verify the implementation of the pre-shipment checks.

Reinforced checks at BIPS:

- 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;

Action for OVSS

7. Please note the information above.

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