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IMPORTS OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS FROM BRAZIL

Purpose

1. To advise you of the outcome of the audit to Brazil concerning imports into Great Britain of certain animal products.

Background

2. Following allegations of fraud in Brazil in 2017 a number of measures were put in place relating to enhanced checks on certain animal products imported from Brazil. These were communicated to Border Control Posts (BCPs) in a number of OVS notes issued during 2017 and 2018.

Lifting of enhanced controls:

3. In 2022 Defra's UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance carried out an audit to Brazil. This has now been assessed and evaluated and means that from 00.01 hours (BST) on Thursday 19 July:
 - there will be no requirement for the pre-export testing of relevant consignments; therefore, the additional attestation that should be attached to health certificates confirming *Salmonella* sampling, methods of analysis used, and results, will not be required.
 - Additionally, post-import physical checks for poultry and beef products at GB BCPs will revert from current level of 100% physical checks and 20% microbiological sampling to their default level in accordance with [retained Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/2129](#).
 - The requirement remains for all consignments to be accompanied by the [relevant model health certificate](#).

Establishment lists:

4. We are reinstating Brazil's ability to pre-list establishments (as published [here](#)) for the following commodity sections:

I : Meat of domestic ungulates

II : Meat from poultry and lagomorphs

V : Minced meat, meat preparations and mechanically separated meat

VI : Meat products

Action for OVSs

5. To note the above information.

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