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Subject: Introduction of mirror measures for animal welfare

European farmers have to comply with increasingly stringent animal welfare standards. This implies a strong ethical commitment, but also a significant additional cost for farmers.

However, the EU continues to authorise imports of meat from third countries, such as Brazil, where breeding and slaughter standards are often very different to those applied in the EU. Brazil is the EU's second largest beef supplier, with annual imports of 41 000 tonnes, yet it does not guarantee equivalent animal welfare practices, which distorts competition and undermines our farmers' efforts in this regard.

In view of this:

1. How will the Commission implement legally binding mirror measures tailored to livestock imports to ensure that imported products comply with animal welfare standards equivalent to those imposed on European producers?
2. What steps will it take to effectively monitor compliance with these animal welfare standards in third countries exporting to the EU, thereby avoiding any distortions of competition or ethical breaches?

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