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Subject: Corruption and EU oversight

Brazil-based meat-processing multinational JBS has a documented history of large-scale corruption, including paying bribes to over 1 800 Brazilian politicians to access government loans, which enabled the company to acquire monopoly power in the Brazilian and the US meat markets.¹²³

As JBS seeks to expand its presence in the EU market, these structural corruption practices, combined with aggressive tax planning through Luxembourg-based entities, raise serious concerns for fair competition, market integrity and public trust in the EU.

In this context, can the Commission clarify:

1. How it assesses the risks posed by companies with a history of large-scale corruption, such as JBS, when they enter and consolidate their presence in the EU market?
2. How it ensures that EU trade and investment policies do not inadvertently support companies with records of structural corruption and monopolistic practices?

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https://www.researchgate.net/publication/326447126_The_Lava_Jato_Network_Corruption_and_Money_Laundering_in_Brazil?utm_source=chatgpt.com.

² <https://www.thebureauinvestigates.com/stories/2019-07-02/jbs-brazilian-butchers-took-over-the-world?>.

³ <https://www.somo.nl/jbss-global-tax-avoidance-hub-luxembourg/>.