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to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Control and enforcement of EU requirements for imports of animal products from third countries

The Commission has decided to remove Brazil from the list of third countries authorised to export certain animals and products of animal origin to the EU as of 3 September 2026. The decision was made as a result of inadequate guarantees of compliance with certain EU requirements for the production of animal products.

As parliamentarians, we have received numerous questions from the public about whether the agreed EU standards are actually checked and enforced when goods are imported from third countries. The case raises fundamental questions about the effectiveness of import controls and the timing of the measures.

1. For how long has the Commission had evidence or knowledge that Brazil may not fully comply with agreed standards for animals and products of animal origin?

2. Why was authorisation not revoked and corresponding imports not halted sooner?

3. What measures is the Commission taking to ensure that future breaches of agreed standards – for example on prohibited substances, traceability and control systems – are detected earlier and prevented more effectively in the case of imports from third countries?

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