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**Priority question for written answer P-000230/26
to the Commission
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Subject: Commission document allowing Brazilian table eggs to be exported to the EU

The Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply (MAPA) has published communications showing that the Commission sent an official letter to the Brazilian authorities confirming the re-instatement or extension of the so-called pre-listing system for Brazilian establishments producing poultry and eggs intended for the EU market.

In this connection:

1. Can the Commission confirm that in 2025 it sent the Brazilian authorities an official letter or other administrative document concerning the pre-listing of establishments producing table eggs intended for the EU market?
2. If so, where and in what form was this document published (document date and reference number (e.g. ARES), and the relevant directorate-general) and on what legal basis in EU law did the Commission base its decision?
3. If the document has not been published, could the Commission explain why it is not publicly available even though it has significant legal and economic implications for the EU internal market?

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**Answer given by Mr Várhelyi on behalf of the European Commission
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In 2017, following the identification of serious deficiencies during audits by the Commission, several Brazilian establishments were removed from the list of establishments from which imports into the Union of meat and meat products were permitted. In addition, the Commission asked Brazil not to add any new establishment on this list until further notice.

The Commission further conducted several audits to ensure Brazilian authorities had effectively resolved the identified non-compliance issues.

Brazil received favourable audit reports ⁽¹⁾, ⁽²⁾ and compliant results from reinforced checks on poultry meat have been consistent for several years.

In addition, Brazil provided a residues control plan for eggs which had been assessed favourably. Therefore, on 24 February 2025, the Commission updated the list of countries authorised to export animal products to the Union ⁽³⁾.

Consequently, based on evidence of compliance with EU requirements, the listing of poultry and egg products establishments resumed ⁽⁴⁾.

However, Brazil is still required to ensure that all shipments of poultry meat, meat products, and preparations from Brazil undergo systematic pre-export microbiological checks, with physical checks maintained at a 100% rate.

Brazilian authorities were contacted ⁽⁵⁾ about this in November 2025. Member States and stakeholders were updated during several meetings, e.g. Potsdam Council working party, Market Access Working Group.

⁽¹⁾ Brazil 2024-8002 — Food Audits and Analysis | Food Safety <https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit-report/details/4815>.

⁽²⁾ Brazil 2023-7857 — Food Audits and Analysis | Food Safety <https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit-report/details/4750>.

⁽³⁾ Annex -I of Regulation 2021/405 <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32025R0354>.

⁽⁴⁾ The legal basis for requiring the listing of establishments in third countries from which animals and animal products may be exported to the Union is provided in Article 126 of the Official Control Regulation OJ L 95, 7.4.2017, pp. 1-142.

⁽⁵⁾ By the Directorate-General for Health and Animal Welfare (DG SANTE).