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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 Union³.

Consequently, based on evidence of compliance with EU requirements, the listing of poultry and egg products establishments resumed⁴. 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 contacted⁵ 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).