

**Question for written answer E-001721/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Meat imports to the EU from Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil

According to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/922[1], meat coming from specified territories in Mato Grosso do Sul (MGDS), a state in Brazil, can now be imported to the European Union. Within these municipalities, indigenous Guaraní and Kaiowá people are facing constant and severe human rights violations: armed attacks, intimidation, torture and assassinations. There is a clear correlation between meat production in the region and human rights abuses against the Guaraní and Kaiowá people.

In the light of such instances of human rights violations against the Guaraní and Kaiowá people in this region of Brazil, the Commission is asked to answer the following:

1. Why has it specifically included these municipalities in the regulation when they were not previously included?
2. Will it conduct a thorough human rights impact assessment in the MGDS?
3. If presented with clear evidence of human rights abuses in the MGDS linked to the meat industry, will it make a commitment to stop importing meat until such abuses cease?