

**Question for written answer P-001647/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: The second Brazilian poultry meat scandal

The second poultry meat scandal within a short period of time has occurred in Brazil, while, as an element in the free trade negotiations between the EU and Mercosur, the Commission allegedly intends to allow the Brazilians and Argentinians to export 100 000 tonnes of poultry meat per annum to the EU, duty-free.

I do not believe that the Commission should sign any agreement with the Brazilians until the meat scandal has been properly investigated and a cast-iron guarantee is received that meat imported from South America will comply with EU regulations.

1. What economic and public health impact does the Commission expect if the massive quantity of 100 000 tonnes per year is imported duty-free while the Brazilian authorities are not capable of guaranteeing the safety of Brazilian poultry meat?
2. Is it possible for us to conclude agreements with the Mercosur countries without filtering out and preventing imports into Europe of any meat that is contaminated with salmonella or is otherwise unsafe?
3. How many monitoring missions is the Commission planning on account of the second Brazilian meat scandal?