

**Question for written answer E-002826/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: CETA: follow-up to the 2019 audit report on beef

In September 2019, the EU carried out an audit of Canadian cattle holdings whose meat is exported to the EU market. In view of traceability problems and possible conflicts of interest, the report concluded that the Canadian system was 'not able to provide the guarantees that only fully compliant establishments continue to be listed for export to the EU'.

In November 2020, in response to questions from several MEPs, Commissioner Kyriakides stated that Canada had 'immediately put in place several remedial measures' and that 'following an assessment by the Commission of the complete list of follow-up actions undertaken by Canada, the Commission will determine whether a follow-up audit would be warranted'.

Furthermore, in several trade agreements the chapters on sanitary and phytosanitary measures provide for a reduction in checks or for prior notification of the establishments to be visited.

1. What actions have the Canadian authorities taken in response to the 2019 audit? Can the Commission share its assessment of the steps taken with MEPs?
2. How can we avoid similar problems with other trading partners, particularly those whose administrative systems are deemed to be less efficient, such as Brazil? Would recourse to mirror clauses not be warranted?