

## **Brazil's Meat Gets Go-Ahead**

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Russia may allow imports from 37 Brazilian meat producers, whose safety standards have not been verified by the South American nation's veterinary service, if Russian laboratories prove that the products are safe upon arrival.

The procedure would relate to meat and related products produced before Aug. 1, the Federal Veterinary and Phytosanitary Inspection Service, Russia's food safety watchdog, announced Thursday.

The service "found it possible to agree that such products may be shipped to Russia, but only after obligatory laboratory proof of safety upon arrival," it said.

Russia has temporarily banned meat imports from 80 companies in Brazil's provinces of Mato Grosso, Rio Grande do Sul and Parana since June 15 in a dispute over safety standards.

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