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The Embassy of the Federative Republic of Brazil in Sarajevo presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina and has the honour to inform the following technical note issued by the Department of Inspection on Animal Products of the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply:

"Regarding the recent information about the suspension of *In natura* beef imports to the United States of America issued by the American inspection service, the Brazilian government informs that:

1. The American and Brazilian sanitary inspection systems are equivalent;
2. The United States border inspection procedures identified the occurrence of reaction signs to vaccination in Brazilian herds, which is a normal event with no sanitary risk;
3. After the first notifications, measures were taken by the Brazilian inspection service to mitigate these findings aiming at fulfilling the requirements of the American market. The measures implemented by Brazilian authorities are:
4. The *Department of Inspection on Animal Products (Departamento de Inspeção de Produtos de Origem Animal - DIPOA)* determined that all bovine slaughtering units under the *Federal Inspection Service (SIF)* in the country must reinforce their *post mortem* inspection lines regarding the official verification of visible contamination on carcasses;
5. As established on the Decree n° 9.013 of 2017, if visible contamination on carcasses is found during the *post mortem* inspection, the SIF must remove it, either at its own inspection line, or by sending the carcass to the *Departamento de Inspeção Final* in order to carry on carcass trimming procedures and subsequent official evaluation before its release, without prejudice to carcasses evaluation and decision processes;
6. The frequency of official verification established by the *Internal Regulation DIPOA/SDA n° 01*, of 8th March 2017, was temporarily increased to daily inspections for the *Program on Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points - HACCP, more specifically for the CCP for fecal, milk and ingesta contamination. ("Programa de Análise de Perigos e Pontos Críticos de Controle - APPCC, PCC de contaminação fecal, por leite ou ingestão")*.
7. The Brazilian government is aware that the severity of the US measure is due, among other factors, to international issues not limited to the technical aspects involved.
8. The Brazilian government has confidence on the quality of our products. We reassure our commitment to keep market stability with our main partners."

The Embassy would be grateful if this Note be sent to the competent authorities, at the Ministry's earliest convenience.

The Embassy of Brazil avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina the assurances of its highest consideration.

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