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Brazil

The European Union re-opens the door to Brazilian beef

The European Union partly lifted the embargo decided in January 2008 on bovine product. This embargo was decided because the EU does not accept the Brazilian cattle health check for Foot and Mouth disease. Gelatin has not been affected by this embargo. 196 farms are allowed to export again beef meat to the EU .

U.S.A.

FDA Risk Assessment on "Cloning"

On January 15, the FDA published its Risk Assessment on "Cloning". The Moratorium on the use of cloned animals has been extended to allow for a transition period, during which potential consumer and trade issues can be addressed.

<http://www.fda.gov/cvm/cloning.htm>

The European Food Safety Authority has also published a draft scientific opinion on cloning which is in line with FDA Opinion. EFSA concludes " *that the currently available data indicate that food products from clones of cattle and pigs and their progeny are as safe as food products of livestock derived by conventional breeding.*"

This draft is launched for public consultation.

http://www.efsa.europa.eu/EFSA/KeyTopics/efsa_locale-1178620753812_animal_cloning.htm

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