



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FOOD SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Letter n.1/2020

Brasilia, February 12, 2020

Mr. Oliver Flake
Agricultural Counselor
Embassy of the United States of America

Subject: FSIS/USDA Audit Report.

Mr. Counselor,

In reference to Official Letter 016/19, which forwards correspondence from Dr. Michelle Catlin, Food Inspection and Safety Service (FSIS/USDA) and the final audit report proposal from the visit carried out by FSIS in Brazil between January 13 and 24, 2020, please find below the Ministry's comments to the FSIS document:

1. The final audit report proposal indicates that the establishment identified by SIF 4238 is located at the municipality of Bataguassu, *State of São Paulo*. The correct State where the municipality of Bataguassu and SIF 4238 are located is the **State of Mato Grosso do Sul**.

2. The final report proposal also mentions that the course entitled "Standardization of Ante-mortem and Post-mortem Inspection Procedures for Livestock" occurred between *August and October 2019*. The correct period in which the course was carried out is between **May and September 2019**.

I take the opportunity to express the satisfaction of this Ministry with the results of the FSIS audit confirming that the Department of Inspection of Animal Origin Products (DIPOA/MAPA) implemented all corrective actions necessary for regaining equivalence status for the Brazilian Inspection System of Animal Origin Products.

I reiterate MAPA's disposition to continue working in straight coordination with U.S. inspection and safety authorities. I remain at your disposal for any further action needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Orlando Leite Ribeiro'.

Orlando Leite Ribeiro
Secretary for Trade and International Relations