



**Australian Government**  
**Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service**

Ms Maureen Weeks  
Committee Secretary  
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Weeks

Thank you for your letter of 14 July regarding evidence I gave to the Senate's Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on 25 May 2005 on imported meat from Brazil


I have reviewed the transcript of my evidence provided to the Committee. On page 96 of the transcript, Senator O'Brien asked for information on the number of consignments of beef imported from Brazil. I referred to a document and advised that there were about 10 importations.

Senator O'Brien then asked "cooked or uncooked?" to which I answered that there had been 544kg of uncooked meat, three container loads of cooked meat and some small samples of cooked meat for testing purposes. My answer did not refer to the importations of casings because casings are a preserved product. I also provided the Committee with a table which listed the cooked meat, uncooked meat and casings importations which I referred to during the hearings, a copy of which is attached for your information.

The Committee has also requested information on the implications of importing uncooked beef into Australia. The policy for importing uncooked beef is determined by Biosecurity Australia (BA). BA assesses the risks associated with the importation of all animal and plant products which could affect Australia's human, animal and plant populations. BA develops conditions, in consultation with stakeholders, to manage the identified risks. The Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) issues import permits which list the conditions developed by BA and which importers must meet before the product will be cleared at the border by AQIS.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to clarify my evidence to the Senate Committee.

Yours sincerely



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28 July 2005

Not imported until  
April 2004

Quarantine Entry	Arrival Date	Importer Name	Goods Description	Packages Num	Quantity	Weight Code	Broker Name	Supplier Name	Import Permit	Discharge Port
2M40961865	07/04/04	H.J. HEINZ COMPANY AUSTRALIA LIMITED	OTHER BOVINE PRODUCTS	1133	17,020	KGM	CENTURY CUSTOMS SERVICES PTY LIMITED	BF PRODUCTS ALIMENTICIOS LTDA	200314609	Melbourne
04V0009761	23/06/04	H.J. HEINZ CO AUSTRALIA LTD	SAMPLE OF CORNED BEEF	1	10	KGM	DHL EXPRESS WORLDWIDE	FRIBOILTDA		Tullamarine
2M42162363	26/07/04	H.J. HEINZ COMPANY AUSTRALIA LIMITED	OTHER BOVINE PRODUCTS	1466	22,025.22	KGM	CENTURY CUSTOMS SERVICES PTY LIMITED	FRIBOILTDA		Melbourne
2E43360570	03/12/04	H.J. HEINZ COMPANY AUSTRALIA LIMITED	FROZEN MEAT	20	544	KGM	CENTURY CUSTOMS SERVICES PTY LIMITED	INDUSTRIA E COMERCIO DE CARNES MINE RVA LTDA	Don't have with me!	Tullamarine
1M43512407	16/12/04	H.J. HEINZ COMPANY AUSTRALIA LIMITED	OTHER BOVINE PRODUCTS		9.2	KGM	CENTURY CUSTOMS SERVICES PTY LIMITED	FRIBOILTDA	200304012 samples permit only	Mascot
1M43512369	16/12/04	H.J. HEINZ COMPANY AUSTRALIA LIMITED	OTHER BOVINE PRODUCTS		5	KGM	CENTURY CUSTOMS SERVICES PTY LIMITED	FRIBOILTDA	200413232	Mascot
04N0005705	10/03/04	SUPERIOR CASING P L	SAMPLES FOR LABORATORY EXAMINATION R	1	18.5	KGM	D.H.L. INTERNATIONAL (AUSTRALIA) PT YLTD	FRIBOITRADE EXPORTACAO E IMPORTACAO LTDA		Mascot

1M42434495	27/08/04	SUPERIOR CASINGS (AUSTRALIA) PTY. L.TD.	BEEF ROUND CASINGS	2	1,420.	NMB	UPS SCS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	FRIBOILTDA	200406709	Mascot
1M42434495	27/08/04	SUPERIOR CASINGS (AUSTRALIA) PTY. L.TD.	CAPS		0.		UPS SCS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	FRIBOILTDA	200406709	Mascot
1S43451578	12/12/04	SUPERIOR CASINGS (AUSTRALIA) PTY. L.TD.	BEEF CASINGS		11,040.	NMB	INTERNATIONAL CONCEPT FORWARDING PTY LTD	FRIBOILTDA	200406709	Sydney
N040018354	06/08/04	TRIPACIFIC MARKETING PTY LTD	Other Preserved Meats	1	30.	KGM	QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED	FRIBOILTDA	200410348	SYDNEY AIRPORT

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