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**NIGERIA'S IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON MEAT, PORK, POULTRY, MILK AND
DAIRY PRODUCTS, GENETIC MATERIAL AND LIVE CATTLE
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The following document, received on 31 March 2023, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Brazil.

1. For the 4th time, Brazil raises this STC about Nigeria's lack of response to Brazilian proposals for sanitary certifications for beef, pork, and poultry; buffaloes and live cattle; genetic material for cattle, poultry, and buffaloes; hatching eggs and day-old chickens; milk and dairy products; and also lack of information regarding the requirements for exporting dry bovine skin. Brazil submitted proposals more than two years ago.

2. Brazil took note of Nigeria's statement mentioning that it is restricting imports of some goods, due to economic restrictions. Among other reasons, Nigeria has mentioned that it is imposing restrictions to safeguard its balance of payments, an issue that is out of the scope of this Committee. However, we need to reiterate that Brazil's request concerns the lack of responses to sanitary certificate proposals and, therefore, falls within the scope of the SPS Committee. Nigeria has recognized that its sanitary authorities are analyzing these proposals, so it has already acknowledged that this STC was raised in the correct forum.

3. Despite several attempts to obtain a reaction to Brazilian proposals, both in Abuja as in Geneva, in the SPS Committee, as well as in the Council for Trade in Goods (CTG), it was not possible to move forward with the procedural issues that led to the re-submission of this STC at this meeting.

4. With this further attempt, Brazil expects to receive responses from Nigeria regarding pending proposals for sanitary certificates for the aforementioned products, as well as information on health requirements for the export of dry bovine skin.
