European requirements for beef imports from Latin America: A study of their evolution and categorization.

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There is any typology for the requirements evidenced in international beef trade between Europe and Latin America?
Relevance

- Beef production is one of the most protected activities in some countries.
- Changes in regulations and requirements in international trade affect the institutional environment and organizations.
- Farmers and processors - necessity of flexible organizations to attend the changes.
Methods

- Who-What-When-Which frequency questions
- Definition typology of those requirements based on the UNCTAD taxonomy of non-tariff measures published in 2013.
- Classification of WTO’s requirements data base (01/1995 – 09/2013).
Typology created

- Who-What-When-Which frequency questions
Main Results

- Decrease of transaction costs based on transparency of information, measure of the attributes and incentives.
- The rise of transaction costs - requirements’ volatility and the difficult of adaptation.
Opinion

- Hostile environment-different rules of the game, increasing the costs of internal transaction for each country.
- The lack of legal and institutional framework to support the organizational development of the Latin American countries structure.
Opinion

- **Difficulties faced**: missing data or poor information (measures/its changes).
- **For future developments**: evidences of adjustments (L.A countries).
Thank you!