

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?





- 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.



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



Typology criated

Who-What-When-Which frequency questions

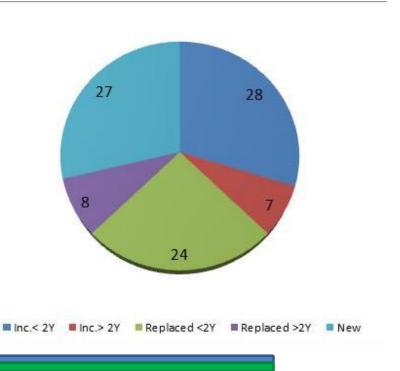


Main Results

 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





- 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



- <u>Difficulties faced</u>: missing data or poor information (measures/its changes).
- For future developments: evidences of adjustments (L.A countries).



Thank you!