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China — measures on bovine meat

India quizzed China over its restrictions on bovine (buffalo) meat imports from India. Indian meat has not been allowed on the Chinese market for many years due to concerns over foot and mouth disease. Even though the two countries signed a memorandum in 2013 to address the ban, India said it was still waiting for Chinese quarantine inspectors to examine meat processing plants so that these plants could be cleared to export to China. China replied that it had actively implemented the 2013 memorandum but that India had not submitted the requested technical data until July 2014. Nevertheless, Chinese authorities are making all efforts to conduct a technical analysis on the data supplied by India and would intensify work on lifting the ban.