



OFFICIAL NOTE - ABIEC REPUDIATES ILLEGAL DEFORESTATION

The Brazilian Beef Exporters Association (Abiec) repudiates any practice that may incur illegal deforestation or burning in the national territory and especially in the Amazon.

Over the years, Brazilian livestock has been guided by sustainability in its entire production chain and strives for the quality and safety of food. Practices contrary to legislation or that violate the sector's commitment to promote sustainable livestock do not reflect the production model advocated by ABIEC, an institution that brings together 31 companies responsible for 92% of Brazilian beef exports.

Brazil has some of the strictest and most stringent environmental laws in the world, which state, among other rules, the obligation of rural producers to preserve from 20% to 80% of native forests within their properties, depending on the biome. Thus, we emphasize our confidence in the implementation of measures to fight illegal deforestation practices and in the identification and punishment of those responsible for such actions.

Abiec points out the constant investments in technology and the most modern and sustainable production practices in Brazil, which has resulted in more productivity and evolution of the use of pasture areas by livestock. In the last 28 years, the use of these areas has decreased by 15% while productivity grew by 176%. (Source: Athenagro with data from Agrosatellite, IBGE, Inpe / Terraclass, Lapig, Prodes, Livestock Rally, Map Biomes).

About a ABIEC

Created in 1979, the Brazilian Beef Exporters Association (ABIEC) brings together 31 companies of the sector in Brazil, responsible for 92% of the meat traded for international markets. Its creation was a response to the need for a more active role in the beef export segment in Brazil, by defending the interests of the sector, increasing efforts to reduce trade barriers and promote domestic products. Currently, Brazil produces around 10 million tonnes of beef, approximately 20.8% are traded to dozens of countries around the world, following the most stringent quality standards. In the last decade, the country has registered a 135% growth in its exports