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Reference Price and Minimum Price on Chicken Meat

The liberalization of the importation of chicken meat in 1999 contributed to the deterioration of an already difficult situation in which the national chicken growing enterprises found themselves since the mid seventies.

The decision to liberalize was not preceded by an investment and modernization of the national chicken growing enterprises so as to improve their competitive framework vis-à-vis the import products.

To aggravate the situation, Decree-Law No. 32/95 of, of 5 June, whose objective is to take measures, specifically on the matter of market regulation for certain products and protect the national production, was never regulated.

As a consequence, the few larger enterprises the still resist face a grave financial situation.

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Taking into account the need to regulate th

