

## Trade ministers of SA & Brazil hold bilateral talks

Trade and Industry Minister Rob Davies held talks with his Brazilian counterpart, Fernando Pimentel, AllAfrica.com reports. Earlier this year, South Africa launched an investigation following a complaint from the chicken industry that Brazilian chicken were being dumped.

"The Brazilian side indicated that it understood that South Africa, as a fellow developing country, was also concerned about its domestic chicken industry," said the department's Sidwell Medupi.

Pimentel also committed to investigate South African concerns regarding procedural delays affecting the sale of medical equipment, pesticides and automotive glass. South African exporters have indicated that these processes were taking too long. In addition, South African wine exports had been experiencing several non-tariff barriers in accessing the Brazilian market.

According to AllAfrica.com, Medupi said that Brazil welcomed further discussion with South Africa's Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, as Brazilian pork is not allowed to be imported into South Africa due to outstanding sanitary matters, including risk mitigation measures related to various swine diseases.

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