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在经过一系列检测后，罗马尼亚政府否认其本国两家屠宰场"挂牛头卖马肉"。以下是 BBC 驻巴黎记者 Christian Fraser 于2月11日发回的报道：

It is a **convoluted supply chain** involving Dutch and Cypriot agents, two French processing companies and Romanian **abattoirs**. But where in that complex network did horse become beef?

The investigation is focused on the **paperwork**, the export documents which should certify what kind of frozen meat was being transported. In Romania two of the 35 European approved abattoirs were involved: one that deals only in horses has now been **cleared** – the other, **some** 450km from Bucharest, **slaughters** both cattle and horses and remains part of the **inquiry**.

In France, where six supermarket chains have withdrawn products, the Prime Minister has called an emergency meeting.

The Romanian President is also deeply concerned. "I hope the false labelling of meat does not come from this country," he said. "False labelling for financial profit would harm Romania's **credibility** for years to come - with serious **implications**, he added, for our export market."

## Questions

1. True or False? *Frozen meat being exported should have a certificate to say what kind of meat it is.*
2. True or False? *Both of the Romanian abattoirs have been proved innocent.*
3. How many abattoirs were involved in the horsemeat scandal inquiry?
4. Why is the Romanian President very concerned about the situation?

## Vocabulary and definitions

|              |          |
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| convoluted   | 复杂难懂的    |
| supply chain | 供应链      |
| abattoirs    | 屠宰场      |
| paperwork    | 书面记录和文件  |
| cleared      | 证明无罪     |
| some         | 大约       |
| slaughters   | (动词) 屠宰  |
| inquiry      | 调查       |
| credibility  | 可信度, 可靠性 |
| implications | 可能引发的后果  |

## Answers to the questions

1. True or False? *Frozen meat being exported should have a certificate to say what kind of meat it is.*

**Answer:** True.

2. True or False? *Both of the Romanian abattoirs have been proved innocent.*

**Answer:** False. Only one of the Romanian abattoirs has been cleared, the other one remains part of the inquiry.

3. How many abattoirs were involved in the horsemeat scandal inquiry?

**Answer:** 35 European approved abattoirs were involved.

4. Why is the Romanian President very concerned about the situation?

**Answer:** Because he doesn't want the false labelling of meat to harm Romania's future credibility or to have implications for their export market.