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Report Highlights:

On July 13, 2026, Mr. Luis Rua, Secretary of Trade and International Affairs at the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAPA), announced his resignation. Deputy Secretary Augusto Billi will serve as Acting Secretary until the Minister of Agriculture and Livestock nominates a permanent replacement.

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There is currently no publicly available information regarding Mr. Rua's next position. Unless granted a waiver, Brazilian Law [12813/2013](#) restricts former ministers and secretaries from taking private sector jobs related to their governmental work for at least 6 months after their departure. Mr. Rua is also restricted from running for public office in Brazil's October elections, which would have required his resignation by April 4, 2026.

Mr. Augusto Billi, Deputy Secretary of Trade and International Affairs, will serve as Acting Secretary until the Minister of Agriculture and Livestock nominates a permanent replacement.

Attachments:

No Attachments.