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Follow-up questions CSR survey - conditions analogous to slavery

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Dear Hilary,

After having reviewed the survey answers sent to Danwatch from McDonald's regarding slavery-like conditions in the Brazilian coffee industry, an important new question has emerged regarding Nestlé's supply chain. It appears that Nestlé has given one answer to Danwatch and a different one to McDonald's regarding the possibility of blacklisted plantations forming part of Nestlé's supply chain.

In Nestlé's reply to Danwatch, Nestlé guarantees that coffee from Brazilian blacklisted plantations has not ended up in coffee sold by Nestlé or any of its coffee labels. Below is the relevant question from the Danwatch survey earlier sent to Nestlé, including the positive answer given:

"Can Nestlé guarantee that coffee from blacklisted plantations like Eduardo Barbosa de Mello's, where inspectors have found conditions, which violates the Brazilian penal code, article 149 regarding conditions analogous to slavery, has not ended up in coffee sold by Nestlé or any of its coffee labels? (please check off one) Yes No."

However, according to McDonald's, Nestlé has stated the following in an answer to a recent inquiry made by McDonald's regarding Nestlé's Brazilian coffee supply chain (an inquiry which has been made after Danwatch contacted McDonald's this fall):

"Nestlé does not purchase coffee beans from "blacklisted" plantations but produce from these farms sold to sub-suppliers could form part of our supply chain."

Please let me know no later than December 8th if McDonald's has not quoted Nestlé correctly.

Before this date, please also answer the following question:

Why has Nestlé told one thing to Danwatch and another to McDonald's regarding the possibility of coffee from Brazilian blacklisted plantations ending up in coffee sold by Nestlé?

Kind regards
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