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to the Commission**

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Subject: Mercosur agreement: Agen prunes sector at risk!

France's Agen prune has protected geographical indication status, providing the guarantee that the product's origin and quality are attached to a specific region and specialised know-how. Some 800 producers and 60 processing companies work in this sector, making it an important economic asset.

In the context of the agreement discussions with the Mercosur countries, the Commission agreed that European agriculture, and French agriculture in particular, would be affected by the massive imports of agricultural products from South America. On the other hand, it argued that products with designations of origin would benefit from new markets and even wider recognition than they currently enjoy in the EU.

1. Can the Commission therefore confirm that the term 'Agen' and any reference to this French geographical indication will be protected so that they cannot be used fraudulently for plums and prunes from Mercosur countries?
2. Can it guarantee that the Agen prune sector, which is subject to strict rules on the use of plant protection products, will not be placed in direct competition with third-country producers who produce prunes without having to comply with the same rules?

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