

Question for written answer E-005071/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Measures envisaged by the Commission to ensure the conclusion of the EU-Mercosur trade agreement

Recent reports indicate that the long-negotiated EU-Mercosur trade agreement has been put on hold following requests by France and Italy to delay its conclusion, citing concerns about its impact on European farmers and the need for the introduction of additional safeguards. This development risks undermining more than 25 years of negotiations and weakening the EU's credibility as a strategic and reliable trade partner. At the same time, representatives of Mercosur countries have publicly warned that continued delays could lead to the abandonment of the agreement altogether.

In the light of the above:

1. What concrete measures does the Commission intend to take to ensure that the EU-Mercosur trade agreement can be finalised and signed within the projected timeframe, despite the objections raised by certain Member States?
2. Is the Commission considering the introduction of additional safeguard mechanisms, including quotas, transitional periods or emergency measures for sensitive agricultural products, in order to address the specific concerns raised by farmers in France, Italy and other Member States, without undermining the overall economic and strategic value of the agreement?
3. What steps will the Commission take to build broader political support among Member States and to ensure the necessary majority for the conclusion and subsequent ratification of the agreement?

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