

**Question for written answer E-000466/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Protection of European table olive producers – Inequality and lack of reciprocity in trade agreements

According to European table olive sector organisations, the EU-Mercosur agreement creates serious imbalances to the detriment of European producers and processors. In particular, the EU-Mercosur agreement provides for the gradual elimination of tariffs on table olive imports from Mercosur countries over a period of seven years, while at the same time European exports to the same markets continue to be subject to significant tariffs, which undermines the principle of reciprocity.

This development intensifies unfair competition in the EU internal market, increases pressure on producer prices and endangers the sustainability of a strategically important agri-food sector, which fully complies with high European social, environmental and health standards. At the same time, the export potential of European table olives to key international markets is effectively being restricted.

In view of the above:

1. What specific measures does the Commission intend to take to protect European table olive producers and processors from the distortions of competition resulting from this agreement?
2. Does the Commission intend to review the treatment of table olives and ensure effective reciprocity and a level playing field in the EU's trade relations with Mercosur countries?

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