

Question for written answer E-000479/2026

to the Commission

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Subject: Unacceptable approaches of the Commission and Council to implementing the EU-Mercosur agreement, which is dangerous for the people and farmers

The Commission, in cooperation with the Council, is intensifying its actions to promote the EU-Mercosur trade agreement, which - in combination with the CAP - serves to increase the profitability of EU industrial monopolies seeking an outlet for their products, and of Greek shipping groups that will reap the benefits of freight transport. The discussion about 'protection' of PDO/PGI products is being used by New Democracy to hide its support for large exporters, while the majority of Greek agricultural producers remain unprotected. It is galling that parties such as SYRIZA appear as protectors of farmers, while in 2019 as a Government they too celebrated it. The Commission's approach of 'chopping up' the EU-Mercosur agreement bypasses national parliaments and the unanimity requirement to the benefit of large industries in their competition with others.

In view of the above:

1. Given that monitoring Mercosur products is technically and practically impossible, how does the Commission guarantee that food from deforested Amazon lands, produced by workers employed in appalling conditions and using hormones or pesticides that the EU itself has deemed dangerous, will not end up on the plates of ordinary families?
2. What is the Commission's position on the demand not to implement the agreement, respecting the will of the vast majority of farmers, and to avoid using legal 'windows' to circumvent the European Parliament's decision to refer it to the Court of Justice?

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