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Subject: Agreement between the European Union and Australia: what are the consequences for the EU's livestock sectors?

In 2018, Australia and the EU began negotiating a free trade agreement involving preferential tariffs for sensitive agricultural sectors. At that time, the EU proposed to open annual import quotas of 24 000 tonnes of beef and 20 000 tonnes of sheepmeat. Australia wanted these quotas at least doubled, which contributed to the failure of the agreement.

In June 2025, the Commission announced that it wished to reopen talks.

1. Can the Commission provide an update on the negotiations taking place with Australia, specifying the envisaged timetable and the import volumes of beef and sheepmeat currently under discussion?

2. Can the Commission evaluate the impact that such an agreement will have on EU agriculture and, more specifically, on livestock farming?

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