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to the Commission
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Subject: EU-Mercosur agreement: what guarantees are in place to protect French and European farmers from unfair competition?

Since 1 May 2026, the Interim Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Mercosur countries has been provisionally applied with Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay[1].

The Commission is presenting this agreement as an opportunity for EU exports, including industrial and agri-food exports.

However, it also exposes the EU market to sensitive quotas, including 99 000 tonnes of beef at a reduced tariff rate, 180 000 tonnes of poultry, 450 000 tonnes of ethanol for the chemical industry and other agricultural products.

For years, French and European farmers have warned of the risk of unfair competition, particularly when imports do not comply with health, environmental and social standards equivalent to those in force in the EU.

In view of the above:

Will the Commission publish a monitoring report showing import volumes, prices and the impact on agricultural profits, broken down by industry?

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[1] https://trade.ec.europa.eu/access-to-markets/en/news/application-eu-mercosur-interim-trade-agreement-1-may-2026