

Question for written answer E-003571/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: Lack of reciprocity of standards in the EU-Mercosur agreement

In addition to raising serious doubts about the ability of Mercosur countries to ensure full compliance with EU standards on antimicrobial use and animal traceability, the recent suspension of imports of beef, poultry, eggs and honey from Brazil also shows there is a real problem: the reciprocity of standards is now reduced to a principle written in the Treaties and ignored in practice.

It is unacceptable to require European farmers to incur very high costs to comply with environmental, health, animal welfare and antibiotic use standards, while allowing the entry of products from production systems that are subject to different requirements or insufficient controls: the health of European citizens is also at stake here.

In light of the above:

1. Will the Commission impose additional safeguards on Mercosur countries in order to ensure genuine reciprocity in the standards of imported products?
2. How does it intend to verify compliance with EU standards throughout the entire life cycle of animals?

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