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Subject: Commission steamrolling ahead with Mercosur agreement

According to a number of sources[1], the Commission plans to split the Mercosur trade agreement in two, as of Wednesday 3 September 2025, so that it can be ratified without having to pass through the national parliaments, after years of difficult negotiations. However, the method chosen for its adoption is highly questionable.

If this goes ahead, the agreement will have a direct and far-reaching impact on our economies, our agriculture and our environment, and will not be subject to ratification by the national parliaments. In other words, the representatives of the people of Europe would be deprived of their right to have a say on this text, despite the fact that it affects the sovereignty of our Member States.

This strategy would see our agricultural markets flooded with South American products that do not meet the same health, social or environmental standards as our own. How then can there be any justification for a situation whereby only the Commission, Parliament and the Council – requiring only a qualified majority – get to sign off on this strategy, without any democratic debate at national level? How do we explain to the people of Europe that decisions that could further undermine our farmers – who are already in crisis – can be taken behind their back?

The figures speak for themselves: the agreement would authorise imports of an additional 99 000 tonnes of beef, 180 000 tonnes of poultry and 25 000 tonnes of pork from Mercosur, often produced with substances that are banned in Europe. Conversely, our European farmers are struggling with price drops and a 25 % hike in production costs on average since 2020.

Does the Commission intend to persist with this approach, which excludes the national parliaments from the ratification process? If so, how can it continue to claim that the European Union is acting in the interests of democracy and its citizens, while depriving their representatives of any say in this matter?

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[1] https://www.politico.eu/article/european-commission-mercosur-mexico-trade-agreement-france-agriculture/.