

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002261/24
to the Commission
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Subject: Mercosur

Negotiators of the trade agreement between the EU and Mercosur countries held another round of meetings in Brasilia from 7 to 9 October 2024. According to press reports, an agreement is expected to be ready for the G20 Leaders' Summit in mid-November in Rio de Janeiro. In January, Mercosur negotiations were nearing the finish line, but were pushed back due to mass protests by farmers ahead of the European Parliament elections.

The EU's trade agreement with Mercosur is being heavily criticised by all European agricultural associations and unions. The agreement will open up the EU market, with its heavily regulated industry and agriculture, to economies not bound in any way by those regulations.

In light of the above:

Does the agreement provide for any protection of the EU market against imports of agri-food products from Ukraine? Have quotas been included? If so, for which goods, for how long, and how will they be phased out?

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**Answer given by Mr Šefčovič on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU-Mercosur agreement involves the Member States and the Mercosur countries ⁽¹⁾. Ukraine is not part of Mercosur and therefore the EU-Mercosur agreement will not regulate trade between the EU and Ukraine.

Regarding sensitive EU agricultural products, such as beef, poultry, pigmeat, sugar, rice, honey and sweetcorn the EU has negotiated limited concessions in the form of tariff rate quotas that represent a small fraction of EU consumption, and using quota segmentation for some products, to avoid concentrating imports in the most sensitive part of the market.

These partial openings will be introduced in gradual stages to allow for a smooth transition. The text of the 2019 agreement is publicly available at the Directorate General for Trade and Economic Security website ⁽²⁾.

On 6 December 2024 at the Mercosur Summit in Montevideo, the EU and Mercosur reached a political agreement concluding the negotiations.

The text of the negotiated outcome was published simultaneously in the site of the Commission ⁽³⁾ and the official sites of the Mercosur partners on 10 December 2024.

⁽¹⁾ Mercosur countries are Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay.

⁽²⁾ https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/eu-trade-relationships-country-and-region/countries-and-regions/mercotur/eu-mercotur-agreement/text-agreement_en

⁽³⁾ See footnote 2.