

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002486/25
to the Commission
Anna Brylka (P/E)
(20 June 2025)**

Subject: Mercosur-EU free trade agreement

According to media reports, the EU-Mercosur trade agreement is expected to be formally presented by the end of July, once it has been translated and has undergone legal harmonisation. In addition, during European Council President António Costa's visit to Brazil in May 2025, he stated that he expects that the agreement will be officially ratified by December, under the Danish Presidency of the Council.

In light of the above:

1. When will the Commission propose the ratification of the EU-Mercosur agreement?
2. Could the Commission please provide more information about the form the ratification process will take?
3. Could the Commission please specify which Member States oppose the ratification of the agreement?

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**Answer given by Mr Šefčovič on behalf of the European Commission
(12 August 2025)**

The Commission plans to adopt, in the third quarter of 2025, the proposals for Council Decisions on the signature and conclusion of the EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement (EMPA). They will be subsequently submitted to the Council and the European Parliament for their scrutiny.

Regarding the ratification of the EMPA, the Singapore Opinion of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) clarified the division of competences in the area of trade policy, confirming that what is typically included in modern Free Trade Agreements falls within the exclusive competence of the EU.

Based on the division of competences between the EU and its Member States, as clarified by the CJEU, a variety of models are available to structure comprehensive relationships.

Member States are sovereign to express their views on trade international agreements negotiated by the EU on their behalf. They will have the opportunity to make their views public once the proposals for Council Decisions on the signature and conclusion of the EMPA are adopted.
