

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-004430/25
to the Commission
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Subject: New agreement between the EU and Ukraine on the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area

The new agreement between the EU and Ukraine on the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) will entail a revision of tariff quotas for agri-food products from Ukraine.

In order to boost trade in certain types of product, such as fermented milk, the Commission has proposed the full liberalisation of quotas.

Given that the term ‘fermented milk’ is an umbrella category covering a variety of dairy products, can the Commission please clarify:

1. Which dairy products will be fully liberalised under the new DCFTA agreement;
2. To which imported products the term ‘fermented milk’ refers;
3. How the liberalisation of these products will affect EU dairy farmers?

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**Answer given by Mr Hansen on behalf of the European Commission
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Under the revised EU-Ukraine Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) that entered into force on 29 October 2025, the EU has liberalised the tariff lines contained previously under the import tariff quota of ‘Fermented milk’ (order number 09.6716 before the entry into force of the revised DCFTA). These tariff lines cover various types of flavoured and unflavoured yoghurts, as well as some buttermilk and kefir products ⁽¹⁾.

In addition to these lines, the revised DCFTA provides for the liberalisation in the dairy sector of imports of certain processed milk and cream products, whole milk powder and other yoghurt, buttermilk and kefir products not listed above.

There is no expected impact for farmers in the Union given the positive trade balance in these categories of products in favour of the Union.

⁽¹⁾ The tariff lines in question are: 0403 20 51, 0403 20 53, 0403 20 59, 0403 20 91, 0403 20 93, 0403 20 99, 0403 90 71, 0403 90 73, 0403 90 79, 0403 90 91, 0403 90 93 and 0403 90 99. Please see for detailed descriptions the Combined Nomenclature as defined in Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature (OJ L 256, 7.09.1987) and on the Common Customs Tariff which are valid at the time of publication of this regulation and *mutatis mutandis* as amended by subsequent legislation.