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Import Tariff Rate Quotas (TRQs) established under the EU-Mercosur Interim Trade Agreement (ITA) are administered exclusively by the EU, as laid down in Regulation (EU) 2026/996[1]. This Regulation introduced in Implementing Regulations (EU) 2020/761[2] and (EU) 2020/1988[3] rules for the management of those import TRQs for agricultural products.

In accordance with Article 3.30 of the ITA, 'products exported under tariff rate quotas granted by the EU shall be accompanied by an official document issued by the Signatory Mercosur States'. Such a document is understood to allow Mercosur Signatory States to verify quota allocation among themselves. The model of this document was published in the Official Journal on 14 April 2026[4].

The Commission will closely monitor imports under TRQs. The agreement also provides for consultation and dispute settlement mechanisms. The Commission, in line with Regulation (EU) 2026/687[5] will monitor import flows and price trends and will report regularly to the European Parliament and the Council.

[1] Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/996 of 29 April 2026 amending Implementing Regulations (EU) 2020/761 and (EU) 2020/1988 regarding the creation, amendment and management of certain tariff quotas following the Interim Agreement on Trade between the European Union, of the one part, and the Common Market of the South, the Argentine Republic, the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Republic of Paraguay and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, of the other part (OJ L, 2026/996, 30.4.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2026/996/oj).
[2] Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/761 of 17 December 2019 laying down rules for the application of Regulations (EU) No 1306/2013, (EU) No 1308/2013 and (EU) No 510/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the management system of tariff quotas with licences (OJ L 185, 12.6.2020, pp. 24–252, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/761/oj).
[3] Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1988 of 11 November 2020 laying down rules for the application of Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013 and (EU) No 510/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the administration of import tariff quotas in accordance with the 'first come, first served' principle (OJ L 422, 14.12.2020, pp. 4–136, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/1988/oj).
[4] Notice of the European Commission[2026/874], ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/notice/2026/874/oj.
[5] Regulation (EU) 2026/687 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2026 implementing the bilateral safeguard clauses of the EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement and the EU-Mercosur Interim Trade Agreement for agricultural products; OJ L, 2026/687, 19.3.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2026/687/oj.