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The Commission has performed several analytical assessments prior to the signature of the EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement (EMPA)¹ and the Interim Trade Agreement (ITA)², which has been provisionally applied since 1 May 2026. These include the Sustainability Impact Assessment³ and the Economic Analysis of the Negotiated Outcome of the EMPA⁴, which evaluate impacts across key sectors, with particular attention to sensitive sectors such as agriculture. The economic analysis concluded that the overall impact of the agreement on global greenhouse gas emissions would be negligible. However, the Commission has not carried out a direct comparative assessment of the carbon footprint of EU-produced meat and Mercosur imports. More generally, the EMPA and the ITA contain a chapter on sustainable development with discipline on trade and climate change including the obligation for the Parties to effectively implement the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement, and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change is an ‘essential element’ of the agreements.

All products placed on the EU market must comply with applicable EU legislation. An example is the EU Deforestation Regulation⁵, under which relevant commodities must be deforestation-free, legal according to the laws of the country of production and covered by a due diligence statement or a simplified declaration. Products that do not meet those requirements cannot be placed on the EU market.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A22026A00186&qid=1772192739535>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A22026A00184&qid=1774426176108>.

³ <https://www.lse.ac.uk/business/consulting/assets/documents/SIA-in-Support-of-the-Association-Agreement-Negotiations-between-the-EU-and-Mercosur-Exec-Summary-EN.pdf>.

⁴ <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/6f1a741f-677e-11f0-bf4e-01aa75ed71a1>.

⁵ Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 May 2023 on the making available on the Union market and the export from the Union of certain commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation and repealing Regulation (EU) No 995/2010: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/1115/oj/eng>.