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Answer given by Mr Hansen
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The EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement¹ and the Interim Trade Agreement² will provide comprehensive protection of 344 EU geographical indications and will thus significantly improve the position for EU producers. The timely application of the agreements is the best and only insurance policy against abuse of EU geographical indications in Argentina and Mercosur in general.

If the EU considers that Argentina failed to comply with obligations under the EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement and the Interim Trade Agreement regarding protection of EU geographical indications, it will be able to resort to the dispute settlement mechanism established by the Dispute Settlement Chapter of these agreements. The Commission will ensure that the relevant provisions on geographical indications are effectively applied and respected and will not hesitate to take legal action.

The Commission is further assessing all the implications of the recently announced US–Argentina agreement for EU trade interests, in constructive cooperation with the Argentinian authorities.

¹ <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-12450-2025-INIT/en/pdf>.

² <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-12419-2025-INIT/en/pdf>.