EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement

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Interim Agreement on Trade [iTA] 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

[*Please note: due to the size of the iTA, this report provides links to more accessible European Commission documents*.]

Notice of the European Commission [2026/874] on quota authorisation certificates

Notice of the European Commission [2026/875] on certificates of origin

Impact on EU import tariffs

The EU has published an Interim Agreement on Trade (iTA), which covers only the trade-related aspects of the EU Mercosur Partnership Agreement (EMPA) signed in January 2026. Other non-trade aspects of the EMPA will only come into force once it has been fully ratified by all Mercosur and EU Member States.

The EU has also published the quota authorisation certificates (Notice 2026/874) and certificates of origin (Notice 2026/875) that must be used by operators from Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay in order to benefit from the preferential tariffs and quotas that are set out in the iTA.

Impact on EU import tariffs

The EU will remove import tariffs on the majority of agri-food products from Mercosur countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay) over time periods ranging from 0 to 16 years. For sensitive products such as lamb, sugar, and dairy, tariffs remain unchanged. Tariff rate quotas are introduced for certain goods including beef, poultry, sugar, and ethanol, maintaining existing tariffs but setting volume limits for reduced tariffs. Specific tariff reductions are applied to some products, including mixed-duty items and agricultural goods such as bananas, butter, and cereals (see the Full Report for more detail).

The iTA includes a chapter on sanitary and phytosanitary measures that promotes information exchange, technical assistance, and regulatory discussions.

Timeline

The iTA applies from **1 May 2026**.

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Table 1
Reduction in basic tariff rate by category (%)

Year*	Category†					
	0	4	7	8	10	15
0	100	20	12.5	11.1	9.1	6.3
1		40	25	22.2	18.2	12.5
2		60	37.5	33.3	27.3	18.8
3		80	50	44.4	36.4	25
4		100	62.5	55.6	45.5	31.3
5			75	66.7	54.6	37.5
6			87.5	77.8	63.6	43.8
7			100	88.9	72.7	50
8				100	81.8	56.3
9					90.9	62.5
10					100	68.8
11						75
12						81.3
13						87.5
14						93.8
15						100

* Year after Agreement enters into force.
† Category headings indicate the period over which changes are introduced.

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Source: based on Appendix to the Tariff Elimination Schedule (Annex 2-A)

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