

EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement

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[EU-Mercosur: Text of the agreement](#)

Impact on EU import tariffs

The EU and Mercosur have completed technical negotiations on a new Partnership Agreement. This includes an obligation for the EU to 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, with details provided in Annexes to the Agreement.


The proposed Agreement has a chapter on "Sanitary and phytosanitary measures" that promotes information exchange, technical assistance, and regulatory discussions. To address sustainability concerns, a new Annex strengthens commitments to the Paris Agreement, sustainable development, and human rights, while enabling suspension of the Agreement for violations of these principles.

Timeline

The EU and Mercosur have reached a political agreement, but several major steps remain before it takes effect. The Agreement must undergo legal checks, translations, and approval by the Council of the EU and the European Parliament, and the Mercosur States, which could mean it will only take effect in late 2026. Resistance to the deal from EU Member States or Mercosur countries could delay or block its implementation.

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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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