EU–Mercosur Interim Trade Agreement: management of tariff rate quotas

Published by AGRINFO on 15 May 2026; Revised 24 Aug 2026

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/1727 of 10 July 2026 amending Implementing Regulations (EU) 2020/761 and (EU) 2020/1988

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/996 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

Notice of the European Commission [2026/874] [Quota Authorisation Certificate]

What is changing and why?

The Interim Trade Agreement (ITA) between the European Union and the Mercosur States (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay) provisionally applies from 1 May 2026. The ITA establishes tariff rate quotas (TRQs) for certain agri-food products.

Regulation 2026/996 sets out the rules that allow these quotas to be opened and managed (see Tables 1 and 2). The certificate that must be used to accompany products imported under TRQ arrangements can be found in Notice 2026/874.

In July 2026, the EU adopted Regulation 2026/1727 correcting some errors and omissions in Regulation 2026/996.

Timeline

The quotas and the system for managing them apply from **1 May 2026**.

For more information see the full record on the AGRINFO website – where you can also view the latest AGRINFO Update newsletters and search the database.

Copyright © **COLEAD 2026,** *AGRINFO is funded by the European Union and implemented by COLEAD.*

Tables & Figures

Table 1
Mercosur quotas subject to import licences

Tariff rate quota order number	Description of product	Origin
09.4910	Maize, sorghum	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay
09.4915	Sugar for refining	Brazil
09.4920	Fresh beef	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay
09.4925	Frozen beef including for processing	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay
09.4930	Milk powders	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay
09.4935	Cheese	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay
09.4940	Pigmeat (fresh and chilled, frozen and prepared)	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay
09.4945	Pigmeat (fresh and chilled, frozen and prepared)	Paraguay
09.4950	Eggs	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay
09.4955	Egg albumen	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay
09.4960	Poultry meat (boneless) including poultry preparations	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay
09.4965	Poultry meat (bone-in)	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay
AGRINFO www.agrinfo.eu		

Source: based on Regulation 2026/996

Copyright © **COLEAD 2026,** *AGRINFO is funded by the European Union and implemented by COLEAD.*

Table 2
Mercosur quotas subject to the "first-come, first-served" principle

Tariff rate quota order number	Description of product	Origin
09.0878	Rice	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay
09.0879	Sugar for refining	Paraguay
09.0880	Other sugars	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay
09.0881	Honey	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay
09.0882	Sweetcorn	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay
09.0883	Maize starch and manioc starch	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay
09.0884	Starch derivatives	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay
09.0885	Garlic	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay

AGRINFO
www.agrinfo.eu

Source: based on Regulation 2026/996

Disclaimer: *Under no circumstances shall COLEAD be liable for any loss, damage, liability or expense incurred or suffered that is claimed to have resulted from the use of information available on this website or any link to external sites. The use of the website is at the user's sole risk and responsibility. This information platform was created and maintained with the financial support of the European Union. Its contents do not, however, reflect the views of the European Union.*

Copyright © **COLEAD 2026,** *AGRINFO is funded by the European Union and implemented by COLEAD.*