

**Question for written answer E-000324/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: EU-Mercosur agreement

The Commission assures citizens that EU food safety standards will be respected for imported products under the proposed EU-Mercosur agreement, even if sanitary and phytosanitary checks have been reduced and customs procedures simplified.

What specific assurances can the Commission provide in terms of respect for EU production standards and product quality?

There are currently significant discrepancies between the two parties in terms of production standards, which is impacting exposed sectors, with EU producers having to respect a greater number of regulations, with less support at their disposal and higher labour costs and standards. These discrepancies may also have implications for the level playing field for farmers, as well as for the guarantee of quality, safety and sustainability standards expected by consumers.

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