

**CELCAA statement on provisional application of the EU-Mercosur FTA**

CELCAA acknowledges today's announcement by European Commission president Ursula von der the intention to proceed with the provisional application of the EU–Mercosur Agreement.

As the umbrella organisation EU agri-food trade sector, we acknowledge the significance of this milestone in creating closer ties between the two regions. The agreement will however only be fully concluded once the consent of the European Parliament has been secured.

CELCAA notes the safeguards and protective mechanisms embedded in the agreement. In particular:

- **Tariff Rate Quotas (TRQs):** Market access for sensitive agricultural products will be managed through carefully calibrated quotas, limiting volumes eligible for preferential treatment.
- **Gradual tariff liberalisation:** Phased implementation timelines allow EU sectors time to adjust progressively to increased competition.
- **Bilateral safeguard clause:** The agreement includes a mechanism enabling the EU to take temporary corrective measures should imports cause or threaten to cause serious disturbance to a specific sector.
- **Monitoring and review provisions:** Structured monitoring frameworks are foreseen to assess trade flows and market impacts.
- **Sustainability and compliance commitments:** The agreement incorporates sustainability chapters and commitments related to environmental and production standards, reinforcing responsible trade practices.

CELCAA remains committed to supporting the long-term resilience of the European agri-food sector and will monitor the ongoing ratification process carefully.

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