

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] (TRADE); [REDACTED] (TRADE)
Subject: FW: FTA with Mercosur

Importance: High

Reply on behalf of [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your interest in the EU-Mercosur trade agreement and your mail to Commissioner Cecilia Malmström to which I have been asked to reply. I am glad to confirm that on 28 June the European Union and Mercosur reached a political agreement for an ambitious, balanced and comprehensive trade agreement. The new trade framework - part of a wider Association Agreement between the two regions – will consolidate a strategic political and economic partnership and create significant opportunities for sustainable growth on both sides, while respecting the environment and preserving interests of EU consumers and sensitive economic sectors.

You asked when the agreement will come into effect. This is at this point difficult to estimate. The Commission is at present consolidating the texts and market access offers. The next steps is to engage in the legal revision together with Mercosur and then proceed with the translation into all EU official languages. Based on the experience from previous agreements we know that this will take some time. Once this is completed, the Commission will present the proposals to the Council and to the European Parliament.

Regarding detailed information on tariff changes, I would ask you to note that tariff schedules are very lengthy documents composed of hundreds of pages. We need to make sure they are 100% accurate before they are published. They also have to be confirmed by both sides – the EU and Mercosur. At this stage, we cannot say exactly when they will be published, but we are making our best efforts to stabilise and finalise the schedule to be able to publish them as soon as possible.

Best regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 12:53 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FTA with Mercosur

Hi,

It's nice to contact you.

I obtained this e-mail address by visiting EU Commission web page.

I'm [REDACTED], working for ITOCHU Europe PLC based in London.

I have a question.

When the FTA with Mercosur is coming into effect, how would tariff change in details?

I've visited EU website and read some articles but I couldn't reach the information, about which HS CODE will be like what.

If you could give us an advice, it would be highly appreciated.

Regards,

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ITOCHU Europe PLC

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