

**Question for written answer E-010642/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Relaunching the EU-Brazil trade partnership

In recent years, Brazil's trade policy has been marked by strong protectionist tendencies, reflected in the increase in duties on hundreds of products imported from non-Mercosur countries. For some types of goods, various tariffs are added cumulatively to the value of goods, resulting in an overall charge that is double the initial duty and has an impact on the final sale price.

Since Brazil is one of the EU's main trading partners, the consequences for European producers are especially heavy: getting European goods onto the Brazilian market is particularly difficult because they are often subject to non-tariff restrictions, regulations and certifications (machinery and equipment), bureaucratic delays (textiles and clothing), regulatory obstacles/customs clearance procedures (footwear), and even import bans (foodstuffs).

1. Does the Commission think it would be appropriate to take new initiatives to relaunch the EU-Brazil strategic partnership of 2007, thus promoting multilateralism, liberalising trade, facilitating investment and encouraging reciprocal market access?
2. Given Brazil's leading role in terms of regional integration in Mercosur, does the Commission not think that we need to speed up negotiations to conclude an association and free trade agreement with the Latin American countries?