

**Question for written answer E-001063/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Trade negotiations with Mercosur

The Commission is currently in talks with Mercosur with a view to concluding a trade agreement with the countries that belong to the organisation. The Commission's mandate for the talks dates back to 1999. When the new Commission comes in, it will be the fifth administration to negotiate on the basis of the same mandate.

1. Is it not time to establish a fresh negotiating mandate?
2. What are the Commission's latest proposals with regard to opening the European market up to Mercosur beef, in particular with regard to reduced- or zero-tariff-rate quotas?