

**Question for written answer E-004033/2019
to the Commission**
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Subject: Mercosur, animal welfare and climate change objectives

The Mercosur Agreement entails some difficulties for EU Member States. In particular, no importance whatsoever is attached to animal welfare in the Mercosur countries, and it barely exists. The rules on this date from the 1930s.

1. How will the Commission ensure that the EU's minimum animal welfare standards are adhered to in those countries if it cannot even achieve this in the case of animal transport inside and outside the EU?
2. Imports of poultry have fallen due to the food scandals in Brazil. Does the Commission really believe that these scandals will no longer occur in the future, and if so, what action will it take if they nonetheless do?
3. It is feared that this agreement relegates climate protection to the background. How will the Commission ensure that its climate goals continue to be achieved?