

**Question for written answer E-002983/2022/rev.1  
to the Council**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Including mirror clauses in free trade agreements

After four years of negotiations, the European Commission and New Zealand concluded a free trade agreement on 30 June 2022.

The agreement does not ensure the reciprocity of production standards for agricultural and agri-food products imported into the EU. This means that the EU will allow foreign products that have not been subjected to the strict rules in force in its territory to enter the market.

All trade agreements negotiated by the EU should include mirror clauses to take account of European farmers' interests, protect EU citizens' health and address the climate emergency.

1. Why should European farmers be subjected to strict production standards while imported products that fail to meet those standards are allowed to enter the internal market?
2. What position will the Council take ahead of the ratification of the free trade agreement?