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Answer given by Mr Hogan  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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The Commission remains convinced that the Mercosur Agreement is well calibrated and its implementation will not result in a destabilisation of the domestic markets. In the unlikely case of market disturbances directly attributable to the implementation of the Mercosur Agreement, the Commission will stand ready to support the EU agricultural sectors.

The draft interim report prepared in the framework of the Sustainability Impact Assessment (SIA) for the EU-Mercosur Association Agreement was published in October 2019<sup>1</sup>.

The Commission is also currently working on an update of the study on cumulative economic impact of future trade agreements on EU agriculture, published in 2016<sup>2</sup>. The study included Mercosur and also a number of other trade agreements which were under negotiation in 2016. The update will now take into account the specific outcome of the Mercosur Agreement. It is expected to be available in the course of 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.eumercosursia.com/uploads/4/0/7/2/40728425/final\\_interim\\_report\\_publication\\_03oct2019.pdf](http://www.eumercosursia.com/uploads/4/0/7/2/40728425/final_interim_report_publication_03oct2019.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [http://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/bitstream/JRC103602/lb-na-28206-en-n\\_full\\_report\\_final.pdf](http://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/bitstream/JRC103602/lb-na-28206-en-n_full_report_final.pdf)