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EU-MERCOSUR agreement is an attack on Europe's farmers

Today's approval by EU countries is a betrayal of EU agriculture

The European Milk Board (EMB) strongly condemns the EU-MERCOSUR agreement. Europe's food producers – including dairy farmers – firmly reject it.

The EU-MERCOSUR agreement is a frontal attack on European agriculture. It destroys farming livelihoods, pushes down producer prices and forces farms into a ruinous competition with imports produced under significantly lower social, environmental and health standards. The majority approval of the EU-MERCOSUR agreement by EU Member States today is therefore extremely problematic.

What we need now is responsible policymaking

This means, first: no EU-MERCOSUR agreement.

And second: the immediate activation of the voluntary milk supply reduction instrument, in order to stop the current price collapse on the milk market and finally give farms an economic perspective again.

An EU that takes food sovereignty, climate protection and the preservation of rural areas seriously must stop the EU-MERCOSUR agreement and, at the same time, stabilise agricultural markets. Anything else would be politically irresponsible and a fatal signal to Europe's farming sector.

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