

Rebecca Evans MS

Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

17 November 2025

Dear Rebecca,

EU-MERCOSUR Free Trade Agreement

The Committee has been considering the EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement. The Committee has noted some concerns from the agriculture sector about the potential knock-on effects on UK agricultural producers.

As a result of the Agreement, there is concern that Wales' agriculture and food production sectors could face:

- Increased competition within the EU market from cheaper Mercosur imports;
- Increased competition within the UK from EU producers looking to sell displaced products on the UK market; and
- Increased price competition from EU farmers able to access cheaper soybean and other animal feed from Mercosur states.

Please could you set out what considerations have been given to the effect of the Agreement on Wales and set out any commentary and analysis on the potential impacts of the trade agreement on Wales. We are particularly interested in any analysis on the impact for our farmers and food producers?



Please can you also outline:

- Any discussions with or feedback you have had from stakeholders regarding the Agreement including in bilateral and Ministerial Forums such as the Trade Policy Advisory Group; and
- Any discussion you have had with the UK Government regarding the Agreement, particularly regarding any measures that need to be taken as a result of the agreement.

Thank you in advance for your response.

I have copied this letter to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs as it also relates to his remit.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew RT Davies". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

Andrew RT Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

CC: Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs



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