

Dr Ursula von der Leyen  
President of the European Commission  
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**Re: Splitting of EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement to bypass Member States**

Dear President von der Leyen,

We, the undersigned Members of the European Parliament, write to you requesting that you rule out any “split” to the EU-Mercosur trade agreement, separating the trade component from the other parts of the deal.

While it is increasingly apparent that a deal will be concluded, the question is whether the deal will be split, which would see the trade aspect of the deal separated from the other aspects so as to fall solely under the EU’s jurisdiction, in order to bypass ratification by Member States and their democratically elected parliaments.

Given that the negotiating mandate originally given to the Commission was for a multi-faceted deal that would require ratification by Member States in the normal course, it is clear that this chicanery would be undertaken to bypass the concerns of some Member States.

The ramifications of this goes far beyond the merits, or otherwise, of the actual deal proposed. It would mark a clear attempt by the European Commission to circumvent democratically elected national parliaments, which would undermine confidence in the European Union and its democratic legitimacy, which is already scant.

**Respectfully,**

**Fernand Kartheiser**