



Montevideo, April 6<sup>th</sup> 2020.

To whom it may concern:

The members of the Mercosur Beef Forum (*Foro Mercosur de la Carne - FMC*) have expressed their concern regarding some customers of the European Union that have demanded to renegotiate or not honour their original contracts even affecting products in transit about to arrive in the European Union. We deeply regret this and expect that commitments will be honoured.

We are well aware that COVID-19 is an unexpected major issue. But let us be clear, it affects all of us.

The FMC is a well-settled institution within Mercosur. It is made up by cattle farmers unions and abattoirs associations of the four countries members of Mercosur (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay).

We look forward to a positive response in order to keep the good relationship that we have enjoyed up to now.

Yours sincerely,

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President  
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**FMC member institutions:**

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| - Asociación Brasileira de las Industrias Exportadoras de Carne (ABIEC) | - Confederación Nacional de Agricultura y Pecuaria de Brasil (CNA) |
| - Asociación de la Industria Frigorífica del Uruguay (ADIFU)            | - Confederaciones Rurales Argentinas (CRA)                         |
| - Asociación Rural del Paraguay (ARP)                                   | - Consorcio de Exportadores de Carnes Argentinas (ABC)             |
| - Asociación Rural del Uruguay (ARU)                                    | - Federación Rural – Uruguay (FR)                                  |
| - Cámara de la Industria Frigorífica – Uruguay (CIF)                    | - Sociedad Rural Argentina (SRA)                                   |
| - Cámara Paraguaya de la Carne (CPC)                                    | - Sociedad Rural Brasileira (SRB)                                  |