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EFTA and Mercosur make further progress during the sixth round of free trade negotiations



Delegations of the EFTA and Mercosur states as the negotiation round completed in Geneva.

Delegations from the EFTA and Mercosur States convened for their sixth round of free trade negotiations in Geneva on 26-30 November 2018.

Mr Jan Farberg, Director General at the Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries, acted as the EFTA Spokesperson while the Mercosur side was led by Victorio Carpintieri, Deputy Secretary for Mercosur and International Negotiations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina.

During the sixth round of the negotiations, which were launched in January 2017, the parties made good progress in all fields discussed. The negotiating groups convening this round notably covered: trade in goods; rules of origin; trade in services; investment; intellectual property rights and government procurement. Two further rounds of negotiations, have been agreed to take place in the first half of next year, in Buenos Aires and Geneva respectively.