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## **Substantial progress during 8th round between EFTA and Mercosur**



*Delegations of EFTA and Mercosur in Buenos Aires.*

The EFTA and Mercosur States continued negotiating a broad-based free trade agreement on 6-10 May 2019 in Buenos Aires. The 8th round allowed for further substantial progress in all expert groups.

The negotiating groups convening this round covered: trade in goods; rules of origin; sanitary and phytosanitary measures; technical barriers to trade; trade remedies; trade in services; investment; intellectual property rights; government procurement; and legal and horizontal issues. Negotiations on some chapters of the free trade agreement have already been finalised.

Ahead of the next round, work by the different expert groups will be continued on the basis of agreed follow-up actions and intersessional meetings. One further round of negotiations has been organised to take place this summer in Geneva.

The negotiating teams were led by Mr Jan Farberg, Director General at the Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries, on the EFTA side, and Victorio Carpintieri, Deputy Secretary for Mercosur and International Economic Negotiations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina, on the Mercosur side.

Read more on EFTA-MERCOSUR negotiations and trade statistics.