

# NEGOTIATION OF ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN EU AND MERCOSUR



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INDUSTRY AND TRADE

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# Association Agreement EU-Mercosur

→ 3 pillars – political, cooperation and trade (FTA)

FTA covers market access on trade in:

- agricultural and industrial goods;
- services and establishment;
- government procurement;

and improves rules of protection of intellectual property, access to government procurement, and gradually eliminates custom duties, tariff quotas and technical barriers to trade.

**90 % elimination of custom duties and tariff quotas  
in mutual trade**

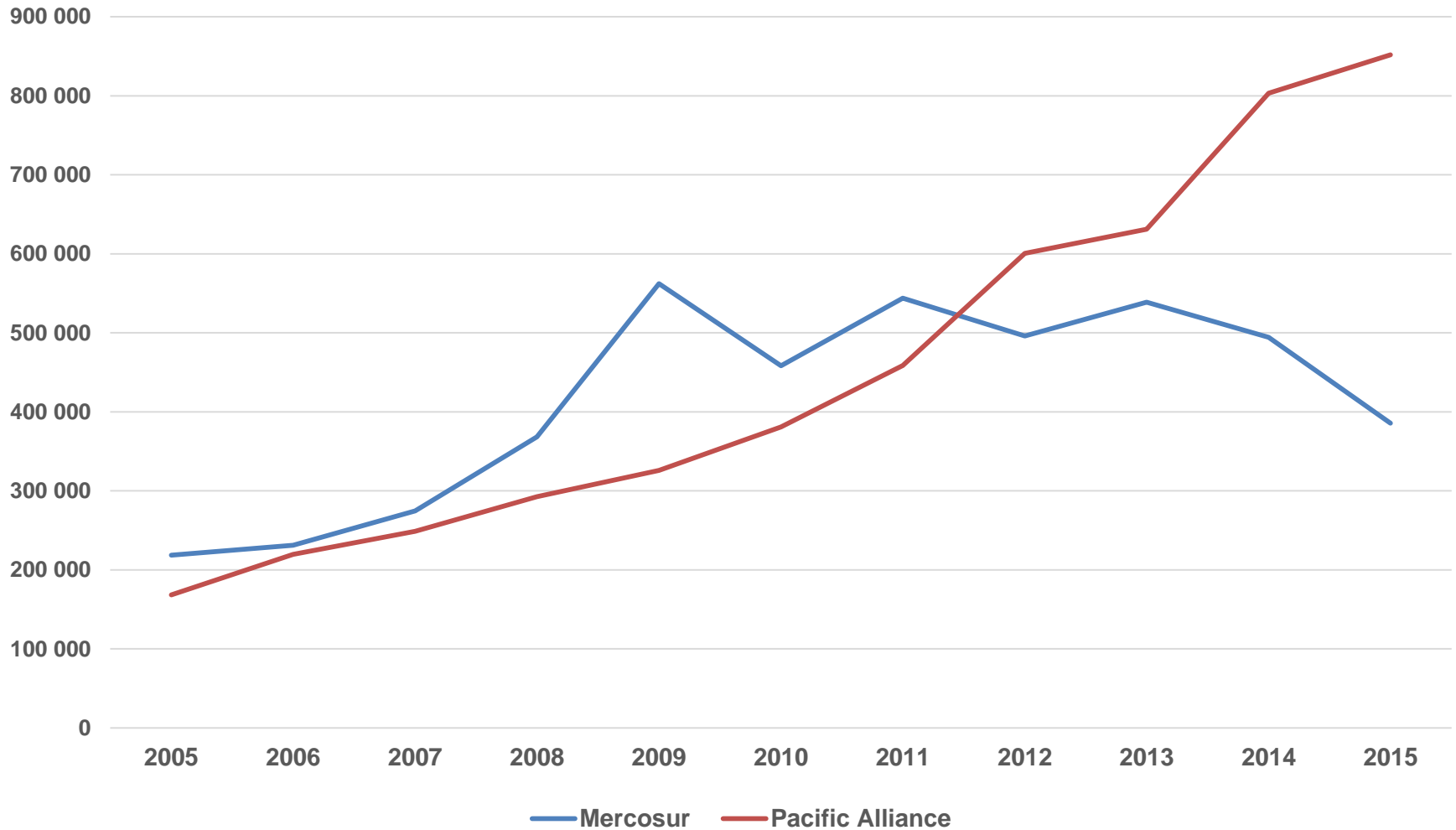


# Quick Overview of Negotiations

- ➔ Negotiation of Association Agreement (AA) started in 1999;
- ➔ In 2004 the first exchange of market offers followed by interruption of negotiations due to low level of ambition on both sides;
- ➔ In 2010 negotiations officially relaunched by making commitments to improve market access offers;
- ➔ From 2010 till 2012 9 negotiation rounds took place;
- ➔ From 2012 the postponing of the exchange of market access offers and uncertainty on Mercosur side;
- ➔ Autumn 2015 the presidential election in Argentina and the change of attitude to negotiations of AA;
- ➔ **11th May 2016 the exchange of revised market access offers;**
- ➔ **The end of June/beginning of July 2016 negotiation round expected .**



# Czech Export to Mercosur and Pacific Alliance (in thousands USD)



# Role of Ministry of Industry and Trade in Negotiation

- ➔ Ministry of Industry and Trade (MIT) is a coordinator of Czech position on negotiation of FTA with Mercosur.
- ➔ Consultation process with relevant ministries, business associations and, companies, Czech embassies and CzechTrade.
- ➔ **Our main priorities:** automotive, trucks, energy, rubber products, plastics, iron and steel products, electrical and electronic industry, railway industry, machine engineering (especially machine tools, filtration and refrigeration equipment), mining industry, defense industry, medical equipment, measuring instruments, glass industry, and musical instruments. There is also interest to improve market access for textile and clothing industry.



# Thank you for your attention

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