



# **POLSKI ZWIĄZEK ZRZESZEŃ HODOWCÓW I PRODUCENTÓW DROBIU**

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General position of the Polish Association of Poultry Breeders (*Polish abb.* PZZHiPD) concerning the agreement between the European Union and MERCOSUR countries is strongly against this agreement, as well as against false promises of the European Commission to implement simultaneous protective mechanisms in the event of market disruptions!

## **Justification:**

1. There is no access to the full text of the agreement. How can one discuss and blindly agree to an agreement whose content is classified?

The European Union has been building for decades the policy for production, processing, and distribution of food, aimed at ensuring the health of both EU consumers and customers for food exported from our countries worldwide. EU food has so far been synonymous with the highest quality, which other countries worldwide were supposed to strive for. The rules are the same in all EU states, which means that food produced in every EU state is subject to the same legal restrictions – veterinary, sanitary, biosecurity, animal welfare, environmental protection, and all other requirements.

Farmers, processors, distributors, and everyone else involved in the production and marketing of EU food understand and adhere to these principles. This entire system is integrally linked to the historical structure – the size of farms, with an average area of approximately 20 hectares across the European Union.

Despite a relatively small average farm area, the entire system ensures food security for the EU population and large surplus, which finds buyers all over the world whereas exports contribute to the budgets of EU member states.

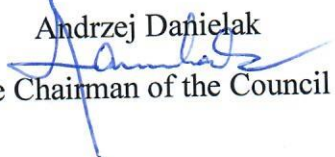
A well-functioning system provides employment to many millions of people who believe in the validity of the food policy expressed in the slogan “From Farm to Fork”, which protects safe food from prohibited substances, protects the natural environment from chemical poisoning, and protects the rights of farmed and wild animals, thus protecting the future in terms of personal and environmental health of future generations of people in the European Union.

Such conduct, widely recognized as appropriate, based on strict rules, generates costs in implementing this righteous policy. In view of this, the next goal is the information and promotion policy for European food, which involves convincing consumers to choose domestic

food that covers justified costs, preferably locally produced – produced closest to the resident, so that transportation is as short as possible.

Now, the idea of sustainable development, which has been for decades created and engrafted in EU societies, is to be invalidated by opening the market to food the production of which is based on the denial of European principles!

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