Report of the 5th round of negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and Malaysia

21 to 25 September 2026, Brussels

The fifth round of negotiations on a free trade agreement (FTA) between the EU and Malaysia took place between 21 and 25 September 2026 in Brussels.

The negotiations continued to make progress including on Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary measures, Sustainable Food Systems, Trade and Sustainable Development, Government Procurement, product-specific rules of origin (more than half of the HS chapters agreed), Competition, State Owned Enterprises, Technical Barriers to Trade and customs matters.

At the same time, this round of negotiations confirmed that more work lies ahead in certain areas where progress is slower (including in services and investment, export duties, motor vehicles, geographical indications and raw materials).

Nearly all negotiation groups held discussions during the week (with further discussions scheduled to follow in the coming weeks on the Trade in Goods Chapter and Antifraud).

It was agreed that negotiation groups would continue to hold inter-sessional virtual meetings ahead of the sixth round to continue discussions and progress on internal consultations as needed.

The sixth round of negotiations is scheduled to take place in Malaysia in January 2027.

Link to EU text proposals: EU-Malaysia agreement: Documents

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