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## 113 U.S. and EU Organisations Urge EU and U.S. to Lift Retaliatory Tariffs on Products Unrelated to Transatlantic Trade Disputes

Lifting Tariffs Will Help Both Economies Recover From the COVID-19 Pandemic

In advance of the upcoming EU-U.S. summit in Brussels, the undersigned 113 organisations reiterate our call for the permanent removal of tariffs on sectors unrelated to the ongoing transatlantic trade disputes. The transatlantic relationship is of enormous economic importance to our sectors, and we are eager to see it protected and nurtured. We welcome the positive steps to de-escalate the disputes over the past few months and hope that both sides can build on this positive momentum to secure the permanent removal of retaliatory tariffs on our products.

We are encouraged by the decision to temporarily suspend tariffs imposed in connection to the World Trade Organization Airbus-Boeing disputes and by the ongoing U.S. and EU efforts to settle the dispute before the suspension ends. Our strong desire is to see an agreement before 11 July to permanently remove these tariffs. However, predictability is essential for businesses on both sides of the Atlantic. Our sectors, therefore, request advance notice that the tariffs will not return, even if there is a need for additional time to negotiate, to account for shipping times between the EU and the U.S.

We are also encouraged by the recent U.S.-EU joint statement on addressing global steel and aluminium excess capacity, and commend the EU's decision to postpone the second tranche of rebalancing tariffs until 1 December. While this six-month respite provides reassurance to affected sectors, we call on both parties to secure an agreement before the December deadline to permanently remove existing tariffs and not to introduce new tariffs. Indeed, products across a range of sectors continue to face destructive tariffs that are harming competitiveness and negatively impacting manufacturers, producers, farmers and logistics providers and many others on both sides of the Atlantic.

We are hopeful the recent positive momentum in both disputes will lead to the permanent removal of tariffs on unrelated sectors and an agreement not to introduce new tariffs in these transatlantic disputes. We call on our leaders to intensify negotiations to ensure that this happens without delay. Removing tariffs on unrelated sectors is essential to create the necessary certainty and stability to grow the transatlantic economy as it recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. Securing the permanent removal of tariffs on unrelated sectors will also allow both sides to establish a positive transatlantic trade agenda and focus on common areas of interest.



## **List of signatories:**

ACEM - European Association of

Motorcycle Manufacturers

Agriculture Transportation Association

AIJN - European Fruit Juices Association

American Apparel & Footwear Association

**American Bakers Association** 

<u>American Beverage Licensees</u>

**American Chemistry Council** 

American Craft Spirits Association

American Cranberry Growers Association

American Distilled Spirits Alliance

American Distilling Institute

American Farm Bureau Federation

**American Peanut Council** 

American Single Malt Whiskey Commission

American Soybean Association

American Sweet Potato Marketing

Institute

APPLiA - Home Appliance Europe

Arizona Craft Distillers Guild

Associated Equipment Distributors

**Atlantic Seaboard Wine Association** 

BNIC - Bureau National Interprofessionnel

du Cognac

California Artisanal Distillers Guild

CAOBISCO - Chocolate, Biscuits and

Confectionery of Europe

Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association

CECE - Committee for European

**Construction Equipment** 

CECIMO - European Association of the

**Machine Tool Industries** 

CEEV - Comité Européen des Entreprises

Vin

CEFIC - The European Chemical Industry

Council

CEMA - European Agricultural Machinery

**Industry Association** 

CEO - Comité Européen de l'Outillage

**Cheese Importers Association of America** 

<u>CLITRAVI - Liaison Centre for the Meat</u>

Processing Industry in the European Union

COCERAL - European association of trade

in cereals, oilseeds, pulses, olive oil, oils and fats, animal feed and agrosupply

Colorado Distillers Guild

Connecticut Spirits Trail

**Corn Refiners Association** 

**Cranberry Institute** 

<u>CRN - Council for Responsible Nutrition</u>

Distilled Spirits Council of the United States

<u>Distillers Association of North Carolina</u>

**Drinks Ireland** 

**ECCIA - Europan Cultural and Creative** 

**Industries Alliance** 

ECF - European Coffee Federation

EDA - European Dairy Association

EFFA - European Flavour Association

EPTA - European Power Tools Association

Espirituosos España - Federación Española

de Espirituosos

**EUCOLAIT - European Association of Dairy** 

Trade

**EURATEX** - The European Apparel and

**Textile Confederation** 

**EUROMAT - European Gaming and** 

Amusement Federation

**European Boating Industry** 

Farmers for Free Trade

FEC - Federation of European manufacturers of

Cookware and cutlery

FEMA - Flavor & Extract Manufacturers

Association of the United States

FEVS - Fédération des Exportateurs de Vins

& Spiritueux de France

Florida Citrus Mutual

Florida Citrus Packers

Florida Craft Spirits Association

**Food Export-Northeast** 



<u>Freshfel Europe - The European Fresh</u>

**Produce Association** 

FRUCOM - European Federation of the

Trade in Dried Fruit, Edible Nuts, Processed

Fruit & Vegetables and Processed Fishery

**Products** 

**Idaho Distillers Association** 

Illinois Craft Distillers Association

**Independent Restaurant Coalition** 

Intergraf - European federation for print

and digital communication

<u>Iowa Distillers Alliance</u>

Kentucky Distillers' Association

Louisiana Distillers Guild

Maryland Distillers Guild

Michigan Craft Distillers Association

Montana Distillers Guild

Napa Valley Vintners

National Association of Beverage

**Importers** 

National Association of State Departments

of Agriculture

National Association of Wine Retailers

**National Council of Chain Restaurants** 

**National Fisheries Institute** 

National Grain and Feed Association

**National Restaurant Association** 

**National Retail Federation** 

NCA - National Confectioners Association

New Hampshire Distillers Guild

New Jersey Craft Distillers Guild

New York State Distillers Guild

NMMA - National Marine Manufacturers

<u>Association</u>

North American Shippers Association

NY Wine Industry Association

Ohio Distiller's Guild

Oregon Distillers Guild

Oregon Wine Council

Pennsylvania Distillers Guild

Personal Care Products Council

PROFEL - European Association of Fruit and

**Vegetable Processing Industries** 

South Carolina Craft Distillers Guild spiritsEUROPE

Tennessee Distillers Guild

**Texas Distilled Spirits Association** 

The Maryland Wineries Association

**U.S. GRAINS COUNCIL** 

U.S. Wine Trade Alliance

**United States Bartenders' Guild** 

**United States Sweet Potato Council** 

**USA Rice** 

**USMMA - United States Motorcycle** 

**Manufacturers Association** 

Virginia Distillers Association

Washington Wine Institute

West Coast Seafood Processors

Association

Willamette Valley Wineries Association

Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America

Wine and Spirits Shippers Association

Wine Institute

WineAmerica

Wisconsin State Cranberry Association