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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](#)
[American Beverage Licensees](#)
[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](#)
[CLITRAVI - Liaison Centre for the Meat 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](#)
[CRN - Council for Responsible Nutrition](#)
[Distilled Spirits Council of the United States](#)
[Distillers Association of North Carolina](#)
[Drinks Ireland](#)
[ECCIA - European 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](#)
[Freshfel Europe - The European Fresh 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](#)
[Iowa Distillers Alliance](#)
[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 Association](#)
[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](#)