

April 29, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

President Ursula von der Leyen  
European Commission  
Rue de la Loi / Wetstraat 200  
1049 Brussels  
Brussels, Belgium

Dear President von der Leyen and President Biden,

The undersigned 88 associations would like to thank you for your mutual decision to suspend tariffs imposed in connection to the World Trade Organization (WTO) disputes concerning large civil aircraft subsidies for four-months. This is a positive development and we hope that the momentum from this agreement can be extended and built upon. We are hopeful that this suspension will help reset the vital transatlantic trade relationship and lead to the permanent removal of all additional and retaliatory tariffs on products which are unrelated to the sectors subject to ongoing transatlantic trade disputes.

Since 2018, our industries, suppliers and supply chains have been negatively impacted by the imposition or threat of tariffs in several ongoing disputes not least of which are the large aircraft subsidies and steel and aluminium disputes, which are wholly unrelated to our sectors. Retaliatory tariffs are bad for producers and manufacturers, their distribution partners, importers and consumers, and all the sectors and jobs that rely on this economic activity.

It is critical that the EU and the U.S. secure a permanent resolution to the WTO large civil aircraft subsidy disputes so these unwanted tariffs do not reappear. Indeed, it is important for our members, already drastically affected by the economic impact of the pandemic, to be able to rely on the continued suspension or complete removal of these tariffs after July 2021. Likewise, we would like to see a suspension of all retaliatory tariffs in other disputes, while both sides work on a more permanent solution – particularly with the 1 June deadline in mind for the second wave of retaliatory measures in the steel & aluminium dispute.

The transatlantic relationship is of enormous economic importance to our sectors, and we are eager to see it protected and nurtured. Our sectors should no longer incur collateral damage in these unrelated disputes. Therefore, it is essential to avoid any escalation or negative signals in relation to ongoing or prospective disputes in the coming months.

Accordingly, we strongly urge the U.S. and EU to intensify efforts towards securing the permanent removal of retaliatory tariffs on products unrelated to the sectors subject to

ongoing transatlantic trade disputes and to avoid new additional tariffs. This would create the necessary certainty and stability needed to grow the transatlantic economy as it recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of these important issues. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

ACEM - European Association of  
Motorcycle Manufacturers

Espirituosos España - Federación Española  
de Espirituosos

AFFI - American Frozen Food Institute

Agriculture Transportation Association

AIJN - European Fruit Juices Association

American Apparel & Footwear Association

American Association of Port Authorities

American Bakers Association

American Beverage Licensees

American Chemistry Council

American Craft Spirits Association

American Cranberry Growers Association

American Distilling Institute

American Fruit & Vegetable Processors  
Growers Coalition

American Peanut Council

American Soybean Association

American Sweet Potato Marketing  
Institute

APPLiA - Home Appliance Europe

Arizona Craft Distillers Guild

Associated Equipment Distributors

BNIC - Bureau National Interprofessionnel  
du Cognac

CAOBISCO - Chocolate, Biscuits and  
Confectionery of Europe

Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association

CECE - Committee for European  
Construction Equipment

CEEV - Comité Européen des Entreprises  
Vin

CEFIC - The European Chemical Industry  
Council

CEMA - European Agricultural Machinery  
Industry Association

CEO - Comité Européen de l'Outillage

CIAA - 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

Corn Refiners Association

Cranberry Institute	FRUCOM - European Federation of the Trade in Dried Fruit, Edible Nuts, Processed Fruit & Vegetables and Processes Fishery Products
CRN - Council for Responsible Nutrition	
Distilled Spirits Council of the United States	Idaho Distillers Association
Drinks Ireland	Intergraf - European federation for print and digital communication
ECCIA - European Cultural and Creative Industries Alliance	Kentucky Distillers' Association
EDA - European Dairy Association	KNSV - Royal Dutch Spice Association
EFFA - European Flavour Association	Napa Valley Vintners
EPTA - European Power Tools Association	National Association of Beverage Importers
EUCOLAIT - European Association of Dairy Trade	National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
EURATEX - The European Apparel and Textile Confederation	National Association of Wheat Growers
EUROMAT - European Gaming and Amusement Federation	National Association of Wine Retailers
Farmers for Free Trade	National Corn Growers Association
FCA - Fragrance Creators Association	National Fisheries Institute
FEC - Federation of European manufacturers of Cookware and cutlery	National Grain and Feed Association
FEMA - Flavor & Extract Manufacturers Association of the United States	National Restaurant Association
FEVS - Fédération des Exportateurs de Vins & Spiritueux de France	NCA - the National Confectioners Association
Florida Citrus Mutual	New York State Distillers Guild
Florida Citrus Packers	NZV - Nederlandse Zuidvruchten Vereniging
Freshfel Europe - The European Fresh Produce Association	Oregon Distillers Guild
	Pacific Coast Council of Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders
	Personal Care Products Council

PROFEL - European Association of Fruit  
and Vegetable Processing Industries

South Carolina Distillers Guild

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Tennessee Distillers Guild

The Ohio Distillers Guild

U.S. GRAINS COUNCIL

U.S. Wheat Associates

United States Sweet Potato Council

USA Rice

USMMA - United States Motorcycle  
Manufacturers Association

Virginia Distillers Association

Waren-Verein

Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America

Wine and Spirits Shippers Association

WineAmerica

Wisconsin State Cranberry Association