

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

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

CRN - Council for Responsible Nutrition

Distilled Spirits Council of the United States

Drinks Ireland

ECCIA - European Cultural and Creative Industries Alliance

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

Farmers for Free Trade

FCA - Fragrance Creators Association

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

Freshfel Europe - The European Fresh Produce Association

FRUCOM - European Federation of the Trade in Dried Fruit, Edible Nuts, Processed Fruit & Vegetables and Processes Fishery Products

Idaho Distillers Association

Intergraf - European federation for print and digital communication

Kentucky Distillers' Association

KNSV - Royal Dutch Spice Association

Napa Valley Vintners

National Association of Beverage Importers

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture

National Association of Wheat Growers

National Association of Wine Retailers

National Corn Growers Association

National Fisheries Institute

National Grain and Feed Association

National Restaurant Association

NCA - the National Confectioners Association

New York State Distillers Guild

NZV - Nederlandse Zuidvruchten Vereniging

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

spiritsEUROPE

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