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**Distilled Spirits Council Statement on the Inclusion of Spirits on
USTR's List of Proposed Retaliatory Tariffs**

Washington, D.C. – We strongly oppose the inclusion of distilled spirits on any trade retaliation list. Our industry is already suffering the effects of retaliatory tariffs on American Whiskey exports, particularly to the EU.

The U.S. and the EU are each other's best markets for our respective spirits products and have contributed to the economic vitality for both markets and job growth. The decision made by the U.S. and EU two decades ago to eliminate tariffs on imported spirits has also allowed consumers in both markets to enjoy an array of spirits choices.

We continue to urge the United States and the European Union to build upon the dialogue between President Trump and President Juncker to resolve these trade disputes so that we can return to duty-free trade in spirits.

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The [Distilled Spirits Council](#) is the leading voice and advocate for distilled spirits in the United States.