

January 25, 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 72 associations are united in our urgent call for the European Union (EU) and the U.S. to remove, or at least suspend all additional and retaliatory tariffs affecting or threatening Trans-Atlantic trade in sectors unrelated to the World Trade Organization large civil aircraft and steel and aluminum disputes immediately. Suspending these tariffs is urgently needed to address the economic harms our industries are currently facing and will also be a positive step to help re-establish a cooperative Trans-Atlantic trading relationship.

Since 2018, our industries, suppliers and supply chains have been negatively impacted by the imposition or threat of tariffs in these disputes, which are wholly unrelated to our sectors. Without a doubt, 2020 has been a particularly difficult and tragic year. The COVID-19 pandemic and the necessary closings of non-essential businesses continue to affect the global economy, including our sectors which support millions of jobs on both sides of the Atlantic. The ongoing EU-U.S. trade disputes and additional tariffs which continue to plague Trans-Atlantic trade have made a bad situation worse. With the damages we have suffered last year and are still suffering, the current situation cannot be allowed to go on any longer. We believe immediate suspension of these tariffs is a necessary and fundamental action, which will provide an economic stimulus at a time when it is needed most.

Our industries support a constructive and flourishing trade and economic relationship between the U.S. and EU. Removal of these tariffs will provide the positive momentum to reset the important bilateral relationship and cooperative efforts to address global economic challenges. In addition, a shared commitment to avoid new additional tariffs will create the necessary certainty and stability needed to grow the Trans-Atlantic economy.

We sincerely 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

FEC - Federation of European manufacturers  
of Cookware and cutlery

AIJN - European Fruit Juices Association	FEMA - Flavor & Extract Manufacturers Association of the United States
American Apparel & Footwear Association	Florida Citrus Mutual
American Association of Port Authorities	Florida Citrus Packers
American Bakers Association	Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association
American Beverage Licensees	FMI - The Food Industry Association
American Chemistry Council	Fragrance Creators Association
American Craft Spirits Association	FRUCOM - European Federation of the Trade in Dried Fruit, Edible Nuts, Processed Fruit & Vegetables and Processes Fishery Products
American Cranberry Growers Association	Household & Commercial Products Association
American Distilled Spirits Alliance	IFRA - International Fragrance Association
American Frozen Food Institute	IHA - International Housewares Association
American Soybean Association	Indian River Citrus League
American Sweet Potato Marketing Institute	Intergraf - European federation for print and digital communication
Associated Equipment Distributors	National Association of Beverage Importers
Association of Equipment Manufacturers	National Association of Wheat Growers
CAOBISCO - Chocolate, Biscuits and Confectionery of Europe	National Association of Wine Retailers
Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association	National Confectioners Association
CECE - Committee for European Construction Equipment	National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
CEEV - Comité Européen des Entreprises Vins / European Committee of Wine Companies	National Fisheries Institute
CEFIC - European Chemical Industry Council	National Retail Federation
CEMA - European Agricultural Machinery Industry Association	North American Shippers Association
CEO - Comité Européen de l'Outillage	Personal Care Products Council

CIAA - Cheese Importers Association of America

PROFEL - European Association of Fruit and Vegetable Processing Industries

CLITRAVI - Liaison Centre for the Meat Processing Industry in the European Union

PTI - Power Tool Institute

COCERAL - European association of trade in cereals, oilseeds, pulses, olive oil, oils and fats, animal feed and agrosupply

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Corn Refiners Association

Sweetener Users Association

Council for Responsible Nutrition

Travel Goods Association

Cranberry Institute

U.S. GRAINS COUNCIL

Distilled Spirits Council of the United States

U.S. Wheat Associates

ECCIA - European Cultural and Creative Industries Alliance

United States Sweet Potato Council

ECF - European Coffee Federation

USA Rice Federation

EDA - European Dairy Association

Vinyl Institute

EFFA - European Flavour and Fragrance Association

Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America

EPTA - European Power Tools Association

Wine and Spirits Shippers Association

EUCOLAIT - European Association of Dairy Trade

Wine Institute

EURATEX - The European Apparel and Textile Confederation

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