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:

COCERAL - European association of trade ACEM - European Association of **Motorcycle Manufacturers** in cereals, oilseeds, pulses, olive oil, oils and fats, animal feed and agrosupply Agriculture Transportation Association Colorado Distillers Guild AIJN - European Fruit Juices Association **Connecticut Spirits Trail** American Apparel & Footwear Association Corn Refiners Association American Bakers Association **Cranberry Institute** American Beverage Licensees **CRN** - Council for Responsible Nutrition American Chemistry Council Distilled Spirits Council of the United States American Craft Spirits Association Distillers Association of North Carolina American Cranberry Growers Association **Drinks Ireland** American Distilled Spirits Alliance ECCIA - Europan Cultural and Creative American Distilling Institute **Industries Alliance** American Farm Bureau Federation ECF - European Coffee Federation American Peanut Council EDA - European Dairy Association American Single Malt Whiskey Commission EFFA - European Flavour Association American Soybean Association EPTA - European Power Tools Association American Sweet Potato Marketing Espirituosos España - Federación Española APPLiA - Home Appliance Europe de Espirituosos Arizona Craft Distillers Guild **EUCOLAIT - European Association of Dairy** Associated Equipment Distributors EURATEX - The European Apparel and Atlantic Seaboard Wine Association **Textile Confederation** BNIC - Bureau National Interprofessionnel **EUROMAT - European Gaming and** du Cognac Amusement Federation California Artisanal Distillers Guild **European Boating Industry** CAOBISCO - Chocolate, Biscuits and Farmers for Free Trade Confectionery of Europe FEC - Federation of European manufacturers of Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association Cookware and cutlery CECE - Committee for European FEMA - Flavor & Extract Manufacturers **Construction Equipment** Association of the United States CECIMO - European Association of the FEVS - Fédération des Exportateurs de Vins Machine Tool Industries & Spiritueux de France CEEV - Comité Européen des Entreprises Florida Citrus Mutual Florida Citrus Packers CEFIC - The European Chemical Industry Florida Craft Spirits Association Council CEMA - European Agricultural Machinery **Food Export-Northeast Industry Association** Freshfel Europe - The European Fresh CEO - Comité Européen de l'Outillage **Produce Association** FRUCOM - European Federation of the Cheese Importers Association of America Trade in Dried Fruit, Edible Nuts, Processed CLITRAVI - Liaison Centre for the Meat

Processing Industry in the European Union

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

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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

<u>USMMA - United States Motorcycle</u>

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