**spiritsEUROPE welcomes Announcement**

**on 4-month EU-US suspension of tariffs**

**related to the ongoing large civilian aircraft dispute**

On 5 March, the European Commission [announced](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_21_1048) the EU had agreed with the US a four-month suspension of tariffs related to the ongoing large civilian aircraft dispute.

Commenting on the suspension, Ulrich Adam, Director General of spiritsEUROPE said:

*“This is a hugely positive development and a crucial step towards a final and permanent resolution of this long-standing dispute.*

*We would like to congratulate the EU and the US for reaching this milestone agreement, which also extends to many unrelated sectors including various European spirits.*

*The step is a huge alleviation for all producers of those European spirits that were negatively affected by tariffs in the past sixteen months and whose exports have fallen drastically as a result, hurting jobs and growth amidst a very difficult market situation marked by the COVID crisis.*

*We hope that both the EU and the US will now be able to find a final and permanent resolution to the Airbus-Boeing dispute as well as also resolve the steel and aluminium dispute which still hurts US whiskey exports to the EU.”*