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**WSWA STANDS IN STRONG OPPOSITION OF USTR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF RETALIATORY TARIFFS  
ON EU WINE AND SPIRITS**

**WASHINGTON, D.C., 06/24/2020** – Following months of tariffs on imported EU wine and spirits, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) yesterday announced [a proposal](#) for additional tariffs on EU spirits, liqueurs and cordials from all EU members not currently facing tariffs in retaliation of the ongoing World Trade Organization (WTO) Airbus/Boeing dispute. Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America (WSWA) President and CEO Michelle Korsmo released the following statement:

“America’s family-owned wine and spirits wholesalers stand united with industry partners in opposition to the U.S. tariffs on EU alcohol products and the EU’s tariff on American Whiskey and urge the Administration and our EU trading partners to end this unnecessary trade dispute. The USTR implemented these tariff levels in a healthy global economy – today, we ask the USTR take the current state of affairs into consideration and resolve these issues before greater harm is inflicted on the industry.”

**About Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America**

WSWA is the national trade association representing the distribution tier of the wine and spirits industry, dedicated to advancing the interests and independence of distributors and brokers of wine and spirits. Founded in 1943, WSWA has more than 380 member companies in 50 states and the District of Columbia, and its members distribute more than 80 percent of all wine and spirits sold at wholesale in the United States.

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