WSWA TAKES ON TARIFFS

WSWA opposes any tariff imposed on imported wine and spirits. Since early 2019, WSWA has educated Members of Congress and USTR on the effects retaliatory tariffs have had on America’s wine and spirits distributors and importers. Our team has worked to provide educational resources such as surveys, webinars, videos as well as numerous economic consequences further tariffs would have on wholesaler importers and the industry at large.

Barkley Stuart, EVP of Southern-Glazer's Wine and Spirits, comments in strong opposition to proposed tariffs on French sparkling wine and champagne.

WSWA joins Beverage Alcohol Coalition in submitting public comments to USTR in support of an amendment to the EU’s Digital Services Tax to preserve U.S. WTO rights in large civil aircraft dispute (Airbus case).

Administration, and Members of Congress in meetings with USTR and the Administration on the economic damage tariffs are inflicting on American businesses.

WSWA’s economic data is cited in U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to provide an understanding of the impact of retaliatory tariffs on America’s wine and spirits industry.

WSWA produces member advocacy video featuring David Kenney, Uncorked in Louisiana to educate Members of Congress on the consequences of French Digital Services Tax.

French sparkling wine and champagne are excluded from the list.

January 2020:
- WSWA joins Beverage Alcohol Coalition in submitting public comments to USTR in support of an amendment to the EU’s Digital Services Tax to preserve U.S. WTO rights in large civil aircraft dispute (Airbus case).
- WSWA works with Reps. Bill Pascrell (D-NJ) and Jodey Arrington (R-TX) on the House Ways & Means Committee to direct the administration to lift retaliatory tariffs on American Craft Spirits Association, American Distilled Spirits Institute, Wine America, American Beverage Licensees, including Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S., Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of America.

February 2020:
- WSWA Federal Affairs team continues to engage USTR and other stakeholders in many meetings.
- WSWA is cited in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to provide a better understanding of the impact of retaliatory tariffs on America’s wine and spirits industry.
- WSWA launches first tariff survey to the membership to better understand the economic impact of retaliatory tariffs.

March 2020:
- WSWA’s Economic Data is used to explain the impact of retaliatory tariffs to the administration.
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April 2020:
- WSWA remains very active in various meetings with Members of Congress and USTR.
- WSWA is cited in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to provide a better understanding of the impact of retaliatory tariffs on America’s wine and spirits industry.

May 2020:
- WSWA produces member advocacy video featuring David Kenney, Uncorked in Louisiana to educate Members of Congress on the consequences of French Digital Services Tax.
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June 2020:
- WSWA promotes the tariff survey to the membership.
- WSWA encourages its members to contact their Members of Congress to express their concerns about retaliatory tariffs.
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July 2020:
- WSWA joins American Craft Spirits Association, American Distilled Spirits Institute, Wine America, American Beverage Licensees, including Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S., Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of America, and the Beverage Alcohol Coalition in submitting public comments to the Biden administration.
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August 2020:
- WSWA actively educated Members of Congress on the consequences of French Digital Services Tax.
- WSWA makes saber-toothed tariff threats to its on-premise retailer partners as they struggle to recover.

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OCTOBER 2019

USTR holds hearings on proposed action to France’s Digital Services Tax.

USTR issues investigation notice with respect to France’s Digital Services Tax.

USTR issues notice of determination and action in Airbus case.

USTR issues notice of modification related to Airbus case.

U.S. WTO rights in large civil aircraft dispute (Airbus case).

USTR announces initiation of investigation and opens public comment period.

FEBRUARY 2020

USTR holds hearings in investigation of France’s Digital Services Tax.

USTR releases notice of determination and action in Airbus case.

USTR announces investigation with respect to France’s Digital Services Tax.

USTR issues notice of determination and request for comments in large civil aircraft dispute (Airbus case).

USTR holds hearings on proposed countermeasures in large civil aircraft dispute (Airbus case).

USTR issues notice of modification and request for comments in large civil aircraft dispute (Airbus case).

USTR extends pre-existing 25% tariffs without and after review.

USTR issues notice of modification in large civil aircraft dispute (Airbus case).

USTR issues review of action pursuant to enforcement of France’s Digital Services Tax.

USTR issues notice of determination and action in Airbus case.

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