



“The clock is ticking, time to end tariffs once and for all!” say unrelated sectors, including boating industry

Brussels/Washington – 29 October 2021 – Ahead of the G20 Heads of State & Government Summit to be held in Rome this weekend, 74 sectors unrelated to the Section 232 steel and aluminium dispute urge U.S. & EU leaders to reach an agreement to remove retaliatory tariffs, and the threat of tariffs, on products unrelated to the dispute. This includes the boating industry represented by NMMA for the US and EBI for Europe.

Since June 2018, our industries, suppliers and supply chains have greatly suffered from the imposition or threat of tariffs stemming from the steel & aluminium dispute, which is wholly unrelated to our sectors. The last 18 months have been particularly challenging due to the COVID-19 crisis. We are only slowly starting to rebound from this crisis, while facing supply chain and logistics disruptions. Tariffs, and the threat of tariffs, are acting as major barriers at a time when we want to focus on creating jobs, growth and investments in both Europe and the U.S.

We welcome the EU’s decision not to impose the second tranche of rebalancing tariffs on 1 June to de-escalate the Section 232 dispute and the pledge made by the U.S. and EU to find a solution before 1 December. However, with only a month left before the 1 December deadline, we now need to see a permanent resolution of this dispute which has already lasted far too long. This will allow the EU and U.S. to strengthen the transatlantic trading relationship, which is of key importance to our industries, and to tackle pressing common challenges together, in a spirit of unity.

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List of signatories:

[ACEM \(European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers\)](#)
[American Apparel & Footwear Association](#)
[American Association of Port Authorities](#)
[American Beverage Licensees](#)
[American Chemistry Council](#)
[American Craft Spirits Association](#)
[American Cranberry Growers Association](#)
[American Distilled Spirits Alliance](#)
[American Distilling Institute](#)
[American Peanut Council](#)
[Atlantic Seaboard Wine Association](#)
[American Single Malt Commission](#)
[Arizona Craft Distillers Guild](#)
[CAOBISCO \(Association of the Chocolate, Biscuits and Confectionery industries of Europe\);](#)
[Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association](#)
[California Artisanal Distillers Guild](#)

[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 Marine Manufacturers Association \(NMMA\)](#)
[National Restaurant Association](#)
[National Retail Federation](#)
[NCA - the National Confectioners Association](#)
[New Jersey Craft Distillers Guild](#)
[New Hampshire Distillers Guild](#)
[New York State Distillers Guild](#)
[North American Shippers Association](#)
[NY Wine Industry Association](#)
[Ohio Distillers Guild](#)
[Oregon Distillers Guild](#)

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[CEMA \(European Agricultural Machinery Association\)](#)
[Colorado Distillers Guild](#)
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[Distilled Spirits Council of the United States](#)
[Distillers Association of North Carolina](#)
[EBI \(European Boating Industry\)](#)
[ESA \(European Snacks Association\)](#)
[FEC \(Federation of European manufacturers of Cookware and cutlery\)](#)
[Florida Craft Spirits Association](#)
[FRUCOM \(European Federation of the trade in dried fruit, edible nuts, processed fruit & vegetables and processed fishery products\)](#)
[Idaho Distillers Association](#)
[Illinois Craft Distillers Association](#)
[Independent Restaurant Coalition](#)
[Iowa Distillers Alliance](#)
[Kentucky Distillers' Association](#)
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[Maryland Wineries Association](#)
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[Texas Distilled Spirits Association](#)
[United States Bartenders' Guild](#)
[USMMA \(United States Motorcycle Manufacturers Association\)](#)
[U.S. Wine Trade Alliance](#)
[USA Rice](#)
[Virginia Distillers Association](#)
[Washington Wine Institute](#)
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[Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America](#)
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About European Boating Industry

European Boating Industry (EBI) represents the recreational boating industry in Europe. It encompasses all related sectors, such as boatbuilding, equipment manufacturing, marinas and service providers. The industry is a significant contributor to the European economy, representing 32,000 companies that employ over 280,000 people directly. The vast majority of the sector is made up of Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs). More information on EBI's website: europeanboatingindustry.eu.

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