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**CELCAA calls for a *sine die* tariff suspension in the EU-US aircraft dispute, ahead of the Foreign Council of 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Ahead of the Foreign Council on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021, agri-food traders applaud the four-month suspension of the Airbus/Boeing tariffs and call EU leaders to continue the positive momentum in the Transatlantic relationship to ensure that agri-food products are permanently spared from retaliatory tariffs related to this dispute.

CELCAA members reiterate the huge harm in terms of cost and loss of market share that the products they represent -wine and cheese, amongst others- have borne for 20 months due to a wholly unrelated conflict.

CELCAA members urge EU to scale up efforts and to use every upcoming opportunity to settle definitively this long-running dispute. Until this is achieved, CELCAA members calls for a *sine die* extension of the tariff suspension to provide exporters on both sides of the Atlantic with the predictability required for forward planning. This is particularly important in light of the approaching end of the suspension period on 11<sup>th</sup> July and the added complication of a shortage of shipping containers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is delaying the resumption of regular trade globally.

*CELCAA is made of ASSUC (European association of sugar traders), COCERAL (the Committee of cereals, oilseeds, animal feed, oils and fats, olive oil and agro-supply trade of the EU), UECBV (European livestock and Meat trading union), EUCOLAIT (European Association of Dairy Trade), CEEV (the European Committee of Wine enterprises), EUWEP (European Union of Wholesale with eggs, egg products, poultry and game), FRUCOM (European association of dried fruits, nuts and processed seafood traders), Gafta (Grain & Feed Trade Association).*

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