

FoodDrinkEurope welcomes the 4-month suspension of tariffs linked to the EU-US WTO civil aircraft disputes

On 5 March, the EU and US [agreed](#) to suspend for 4 months all retaliatory tariffs on EU and US exports as a result of the WTO large civil aircraft disputes.

Mella Frewen, Director General of FoodDrinkEurope, said: “We welcome this positive news and the strong commitment to reach a permanent solution to this long-standing dispute. This is of significant relief to EU food and drink manufacturers and unrelated sectors that have suffered from retaliatory tariffs since October 2019, in addition to the challenges caused by the Covid-19 crisis.”

“We hope that the EU and new US administration will do their utmost to agree on a permanent solution within the agreed time frame, continue to de-escalate other trade tensions and focus on a positive trade agenda to strengthen our long-standing transatlantic relations.”

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Note to the editors:

FoodDrinkEurope represents the food and drink manufacturing industry. Made up of 291,000 businesses and 4.8 million employees, the food and drink industry buys 70% of all EU agricultural produce and is Europe’s largest manufacturing industry.