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Subject: Is the Commission aware of the serious trade difficulties faced by French wines and spirits?

On Wednesday 12 March, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Maroš Šefčovič, the Commissioner for Trade, Economic Security, Interinstitutional Relations and Transparency, unveiled retaliatory measures in response to the new US tariffs on steel and aluminium imports.

While these measures are laudable in principle, it is regrettable that the US bourbon is targeted, exposing French wines and spirits to potential US taxes. French spirits are already suffering from the recent increase in Chinese taxes, which severely penalises them.

1. Is the Commission aware of the serious trade difficulties faced by the French spirits sector?
2. Can it explain why it is exposing the wine and spirits sector to US taxes, given the serious difficulties it is facing?

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