

**Question for written answer E-001227/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: French wine and spirits sector under threat: can the EU afford to pursue a risky trade strategy?

The prospect of a hike in US tariffs on French wine, which could be as high as 200%, has understandably raised concerns among our winemakers. Such a measure would have disastrous consequences for the sector, given that nearly 25% of French wine and spirit exports go to the United States.

While the EU must hit back at the Trump administration, it is essential that we adopt a trade strategy that protects the interests of our Member States.

It would be a political and economic misstep to include bourbon and Californian wines on the list of products subject to European tariffs. By targeting strongholds of opposition to Trump, the Commission risks not only bolstering the President's position, but also providing a perfect pretext for Washington to hit our wine-making industry harder. That approach risks sacrificing a sector of excellence in the name of an ill-conceived trade retaliation.

1. Will the Commission reconsider its tariff strategy to protect our winemakers, instead of exposing them to commercial blackmail?
2. Will the Commission use negotiation leverage, such as the digital services sector, to force the US Government to reconsider its position?

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