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The Commission deeply regrets the US decision to impose tariffs on EU exports to the US. The Commission has taken note of the US recent decision to not apply duties of 20% for 90 days, while continuing to apply duties of 10%. Accordingly, the Commission decided to immediately pause its own EU's countermeasures on steel and aluminum, whose scope alcoholic beverages are excluded from, for 90 days. This decision was taken precisely to allow time and space for EU-US negotiations.

Any future EU response will continue to be carefully crafted to minimise the negative impact by giving priority to negotiations while adopting adequate countermeasures and promoting the diversification of our exports.

The EU has at its disposal several instruments that allow addressing the impacts, including exceptional measures to address situations of market disturbance. The Commission is currently assessing the precise effects of the US tariffs on EU exports. It is also monitoring the indirect effects of such situation. So, it is still premature to conclude on market measures.

The EU carries out preferential trade with close to 80 countries, so the Commission will pursue all available possibilities to grow these relationships and assist the sectors concerned, including wine, with diversifying their trade.

Moreover, if swiftly adopted by the co-legislators, the recently proposed wine package<sup>1</sup> will increase the capacity of wine growers to respond to different challenges the sector is facing through changes in the management of production potential, adapting some labelling and production rules for dealcoholised products and extending support to consolidate external markets and for climate change adaptation.

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<sup>1</sup> Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) 2021/2115 and (EU) No 251/2014 as regards certain market rules and sectoral support measures in the wine sector and for aromatised wine products (COM/2025/137 final).