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On 27 July 2025, the President of the European Commission and the President of the United States (US) reached a political agreement on tariffs and trade. The Joint Statement on an EU-US framework on an agreement on reciprocal, fair and balanced trade, issued on 21 August 2025¹, outlines the key parameters for the relations between the EU and US going forward.

As per the Joint Statement, the US modified the tariff vis-à-vis the EU exports to an all-inclusive 15% tariff rate, except where the most favoured nation (MFN) tariff is higher, in which case this higher tariff prevails without any top up. The EU is the only US trade partner that has obtained an all-inclusive tariff rate. For all other trading partners (with the exception of Mexico and Canada), the reciprocal tariffs are added on top of the applicable MFN tariffs. The new tariff treatment therefore puts EU exports, including those of dairy products, wine or other products, in an advantage compared to other exporters around the world, as the tariffs for agri-food products are generally higher.

The Joint Statement restores stability and predictability in trade relations between the EU and the US. Therefore, the Commission is not considering activating measures to support affected sectors but will continue to monitor market developments and, take steps to protect farmers and stabilise markets as necessary.

¹ https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/news/joint-statement-united-states-european-union-framework-agreement-reciprocal-fair-and-balanced-trade-2025-08-21_en.