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Dear [redacted]

I would like to thank you for your letter of congratulations in support of the successful conclusion of the EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement.

I am glad to confirm that on 28 June the European Union and Mercosur reached a political agreement for an ambitious, balanced and comprehensive trade agreement. The new trade framework – part of a wider Association Agreement between the two regions – will consolidate a strategic political and economic partnership and create significant opportunities for sustainable growth on both sides, while respecting the environment and preserving interests of EU consumers and sensitive economic sectors.

I am pleased to say that what was achieved is very good news for the European wine and spirit industry. The political agreement with Mercosur builds on other recent trade deals reached with Vietnam, Canada and Japan in our constant effort to secure new market opening for the European industry.

Inputs such as the one your entity provided was an essential part of the process, allowing us to negotiate as effectively as possible, and ensure that the outcome reflected as closely as possible the interests of our companies and workers.

I would like to encourage your company and the European industry to remain committed and supportive regarding the ongoing EU trade agenda and in particular, the recent agreement reached with Mercosur.

Yours sincerely,

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