



Meeting with SpiritsEurope

Meeting date and place
 Meeting held on 28/09/2018 11:00 in Charlemagne

Participating organisation(s) & representative(s)

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Main issues discussed

Spirits Europe declared to be heavily affected by EU tariffs on US spirits. They questioned Trade on the process of the Executive Working Group and on the whole transatlantic strategy. [Art.4.1(a)]

Trade explained the process launched on 25 July by Presidents Juncker and Trump, aiming at a reduction of tariffs on “non-auto industrial goods” and at regulatory cooperation. Elimination of tariffs on steel (and of EU rebalancing measures) is equally included in the statements, although the US has not yet shown any concrete interest in removing tariffs. Unless measures are removed or their form modified, EU tariffs will remain in force.

Trade invited the business association to increase outreach on the White House and on the Congress, as Treasury Secretary Mnuchin recently referred to President satisfaction with the “steel plan”.

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Internal participants

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