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## Client Advisory

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### U.S. Agrees to Four-Month Tariff Suspension with U.K. and EU

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Dear Valued Customer,

In joint communications issued March 4 and March 5, 2021, the United States has agreed to suspend the retaliatory tariffs in place with both the United Kingdom and the European Union.

The retaliatory tariffs were enacted as a countermeasure to long-running disputes over subsidies for aerospace companies Airbus and Boeing. The U.S authorized tariffs in October 2019 on airplane parts and other EU exports such as cheeses, olives, spirits and wines. As a retaliatory measure in November 2020, the EU enacted tariffs on a list of U.S. export goods.

During the four-month suspension periods the U.S. plans to negotiate solutions to these subsidy disputes. This time will also allow the United States to reset trade relationships with the United Kingdom and the European Union and work closely on major global trade issues.

The U.K. ended retaliatory tariffs on January 1, 2021, as a means to de-escalate the situation, while the U.S. suspended retaliatory tariffs on March 4, 2021.

There is no firm date for the EU-U.S. suspension to start but will proceed once both parties have internal procedures in place.

U.K-U.S. Joint Statement - <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2021/march/joint-us-uk-statement-suspension-large-civilian-aircraft-tariffs>

EU-U.S. Joint Statement - <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2021/march/joint-statement-european-union-and-united-states-large-civil-aircraft-wto-disputes>

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Sincerely,  
C.H. Robinson

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