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to the Commission**

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Subject: Defending geographical indications for wine in the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership agreement

Wine is one of the major EU agricultural export sectors. A recent European Parliament study identified it as one of the sectors that could benefit most from the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) agreement between the EU and the USA. However, the study also highlighted the problem of the usurpation of geographical indications (GIs) as an impediment to the development of the market for European wine producers. The USA is currently the last major wine-producing country that continues to usurp certain of the best known GIs in the EU, such as Jerez/Sherry, Champagne, Chianti and Moselle.

All the trade agreements that the EU has concluded with wine-producing countries have provided for the main GIs to be recognised and protected.

Can the Commission confirm that the text of the TTIP agreement which emerges from the negotiations, and which will come before the European Parliament for approval, will secure for European wine producers the exclusive right to use their GIs?