

WORLD TRADE ORGANISATION

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Dear WTO Committee

We are Hong Kong wine Pte, and we would like to apply for a tariff to be placed on all imports of wine into Hong Kong, for the following reasons.

Firstly, I strongly believe we can become much more productive and will use a lot less resources than the other countries. The problem is we haven't had the time to grow in scale and benefit from the same economies of scale as the importers. Once we do we will certainly be much more competitive and will definitely have a comparative advantage, we just need time to get our average costs down.

My sources also claim that the governments of these importers are giving them subsidies so that their export prices are way below what they should be, and we have no way of competing, which is highly unfair and illegal, so you must level the playing field and impose those tariffs now.

Also, as a wine-loving country it would be foolish to rely solely on the imports of other countries who may become hostile and refuse to send us their products as an act of war. How would we celebrate our beloved one's birthdays, weddings, Friday nights with the lads, without this essential beverage in our lives?

Furthermore, I am also quite concerned about the amount of additives and preservatives the other wines put in their products as reports claim they lead to hair loss and diarrhoea.

In addition, they have such a cheap currency all the bloody time. How is that possible? Surely the laws of supply and demand would raise the Value of their currency so their imports would be more expensive? But not it is always cheap, meaning the HKD is always relatively more expensive, so our citizens end up buying loads of their cheaper imports, while their citizens rarely buy our more expensive wine, which as you know creates a balance of payments problems. Very suspicious don't you think?

Anyway, regardless of whether we have a comparative advantage or not, we need to protect domestic jobs in this industry. Why are we taking food from the table of hardworking Hong Kongers? See sense and grant us protection now!

Yours Faithfully

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