



Trade Remedies
Authority

NOTICE OF INITIATION (AS AMENDED)

Biodiesel

Imported into the United Kingdom from the People's Republic of China

Initiation of an Investigation into Alleged Dumping

Investigation No. AD0058

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) makes the following Notice under paragraph 9(5) of Schedule 4 to the Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Act 2018 (the Act) to initiate an investigation into alleged dumping.

The date of initiation of the investigation is 5 June 2024.

The decision to initiate the investigation follows an application lodged by:

Renewable Transport Fuel Association (RTFA).
Ensus UK Ltd,
Middleway,
Wilton Site,
Redcar,
TS10 4RG.

The application was made on behalf of the UK industry for biodiesel. A non-confidential copy of the application is available on our public file relating to this investigation.

HOW TO TAKE PART IN THE INVESTIGATION

Registration period

Anyone who wants to participate in the investigation can register their interest through the Trade Remedies Service at <https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/> by 17 June 2024.

Please contact AD0058@traderemedies.gov.uk if you have any difficulties using this service. Anyone registering their interest after 17 June 2024 may not be able to participate fully in the investigation process.

Interested parties and contributors

Once registered, interested parties and contributors can submit comments on any issues relevant to the investigation through the [Trade Remedies Service](#).

Interested parties may include:

- the government of the People’s Republic of China;
- any overseas exporter, overseas producer or importer of the goods concerned;
- any trade or business association of overseas producers, overseas exporters or importers of the goods concerned;
- any producer of the like goods in the UK; and
- any trade or business association of UK producers of the like goods.

Contributors are those, other than interested parties, who have notified us that they would like to participate in the investigation.

SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION

The Goods

The goods subject to investigation (the goods concerned) are:

“Fatty-acid mono-alkylesters or paraffinic gasoils obtained from synthesis or hydrotreatment of non-fossil origin in pure form or as included in a blend, excluding sustainable aviation fuel, in pure form or as included in a blend.”

The goods concerned are subject to the following commodity codes:

1516 20 98 21	1518 00 99 32	2710 19 47 39	3824 99 92 15
1516 20 98 22	1518 00 99 39	2710 20 11 21	3824 99 92 16
1516 20 98 23	2710 19 43 21	2710 20 11 22	3824 99 92 19
1516 20 98 29	2710 19 43 22	2710 20 11 23	3826 00 10 20
1516 20 98 31	2710 19 43 23	2710 20 11 29	3826 00 10 21
1516 20 98 32	2710 19 43 29	2710 20 11 31	2816 00 10 22
1516 20 98 39	2710 19 43 31	2710 20 11 32	3826 00 10 29
1518 00 91 21	2710 19 43 32	2710 20 11 39	3826 00 10 50
1518 00 91 22	2710 19 43 39	2710 20 16 21	3826 00 10 51
1518 00 91 23	2710 19 46 21	2710 20 16 22	3826 00 10 52
1518 00 91 29	2710 19 46 22	2710 20 16 23	3826 00 10 59
1518 00 91 31	2710 19 46 23	2710 20 16 29	3826 00 10 89
1518 00 91 32	2710 19 46 29	2710 20 16 31	3826 00 10 90
1518 00 91 39	2710 19 46 31	2710 20 16 32	3826 00 10 91
1518 00 95 10	2710 19 46 32	2710 20 16 39	3826 00 10 99

1518 00 95 11	2710 19 46 39	2710 20 16 91	3826 00 90 11
1518 00 95 19	2710 19 47 21	2710 20 16 92	3826 00 90 12
1518 00 99 21	2710 19 47 22	2710 20 16 99	3826 00 90 13
1518 00 99 22	2710 19 47 23	3824 99 92 10	3826 00 90 19
1518 00 99 23	2710 19 47 29	3824 99 92 11	3826 00 90 31
1518 00 99 29	2710 19 47 31	3824 99 92 13	3826 00 90 32
1518 00 99 31	2710 19 47 32	3824 99 92 14	3826 00 90 39

Allegations of dumping and injury

The application alleges that the goods concerned have been imported into the United Kingdom from the People's Republic of China, and that the export price is less than the normal value.

The applicant claims that the alleged dumping has caused injury to industry in the United Kingdom through the effects on:

- a. UK industry sales and market share;
- b. Profits;
- c. Investments;
- d. Cost of production;
- e. Employment and productivity; and
- f. Price effects.
- g. Output and capacity utilisation
- h. Stocks

SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION PROCESS

The period of investigation is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. In order to assess injury, we will examine the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2024.

The investigation will involve the following process:

- inviting parties to register their interest in the investigation;
- issuing questionnaires, where practicable, to:
 - all interested parties (other than the government of the foreign country or territory) who have registered an interest in the investigation;
 - all contributors who have registered an interest in the investigation;
 - all UK producers, importers, and overseas exporters and overseas exporters identified in the Application.
- carrying out verification visits to further assess and examine information;
- analysing information gathered;

- determining whether goods are being dumped and the dumping is causing injury (including the threat of material injury);
- determining an amount adequate to remove the injury;
- considering whether applying an anti-dumping amount would be in the economic interests of the UK;
- publishing a Statement of Essential Facts. On publication, we will set a period, which will be no longer than 30 days, during which parties will be able to comment on the Statement of Essential Facts; and
- at the end of the investigation we will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade (the Secretary of State) which may include provision for an anti-dumping amount to be applied. The Secretary of State will then decide whether to accept or reject that recommendation.

Our [Trade Remedies Guidance](#) provides more information about the investigations process.

Provisional Affirmative Determination

If, at any time during the investigation, we are satisfied that there are sufficient grounds for recommending imposition of an anti-dumping amount, we may make a provisional affirmative determination under paragraph 11 of Schedule 4 to the Act and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State under paragraph 13 of that Schedule that importers of the goods concerned be required to give a guarantee in respect of an estimated anti-dumping amount. We will only require a guarantee where we are satisfied that it is necessary to prevent injury being caused during the investigation to UK industry in the relevant goods.

Parties are invited to comment on the issue of making a provisional affirmative determination and requiring a guarantee throughout the investigation.

Sampling

Depending on the number of parties registering an interest in the investigation, we may consider it appropriate to limit examination to a sample of:

- overseas exporters;
- overseas producers;
- importers;
- categories of goods;
- UK producers;

- transactions for the purchase of the like goods in the UK; or
- anything else we consider it appropriate to sample.

Hearings

Interested parties can request a hearing during the investigation using the [Trade Remedies Service](#).

For further information about hearings, please see our [Meetings, Hearings and Visits guidance](#).

Confidential information

Information provided during an investigation may be treated as confidential. Anyone requesting that information be treated as confidential must demonstrate why and provide:

- a non-confidential summary of that information; or
- where that is not possible, a statement of reasons explaining why the information should be treated as confidential, and why it cannot be summarised.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Our [Trade Remedies Guidance](#) provides more information about the investigation process, including our requirements for [submitting and summarising confidential information](#).

Oliver Griffiths
Chief Executive Officer
Trade Remedies Authority

5 June 2024

Amendments:

1. Commodity codes amended in line with Notice of update to commodity codes in scope, dated 9 June 2024
2. Description of the goods concerned amended in line with Note to Public File: Revising the scope of the investigation, dated 23 August 2024