



## Anti-dumping No. AD0058

### Anti-dumping Investigation on Biodiesel originating from the People's Republic of China

#### Note to public file – proposed appropriate representative third country

On 5 June 2024, the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) published a Notice of Initiation (NOI) to advise that they were investigating the alleged dumping of biodiesel into the United Kingdom from the People's Republic of China (PRC).

The TRA has received an allegation that a Particular Market Situation (PMS) may exist in the biodiesel industry in the PRC. Details of the allegation can be found in the [Application](#). The TRA has made an initial assessment that a PMS may exist in the biodiesel industry in the PRC.

The TRA has yet to make a determination in this investigation in relation to the initial assessment of the PMS detailed above.

However, where it is determined that a PMS exists and the effect of the PMS on the domestic sales price prevents a proper comparison between that and the export price, we would not consider the comparable price appropriate to use for the purpose of determining normal value.

In such circumstances, the TRA may determine the normal value by determining the costs of production plus a reasonable amount for administrative, selling, and general costs and for profits. Adjustments may then be made to these figures using data from an appropriate, representative third country. The TRA may also use data from an appropriate representative third country as part of our examination of whether a PMS exists in biodiesel in the PRC.

The TRA has provisionally chosen Malaysia as an appropriate representative third country in this investigation, should it be required.

To reach this decision the TRA considered a number of possible countries; Brazil, the Netherlands, Indonesia, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan.



These countries were each compared to the PRC using a number of economic indicators, including GDP per capita, life expectancy, literacy rate, manufacturing value added, as well as the human development index.

Further consideration was given to the known availability and reliability of data from each of these countries, levels of production of biodiesel, and whether any existing trade remedy measures are in place relating to the like goods.

The TRA is proposing to use Malaysia as the representative third country should it be required, on the basis of the above factors. Malaysia was found to be suitably comparable to the PRC on the basis of economic development, it has production of biodiesel, and a market for Used Cooking Oil (UCO) which is the main raw material used to produce biodiesel in the PRC. The TRA has access to the required data, and Malaysia was deemed suitable on the basis of lack of known market distortions to the relevant inputs in producing biodiesel.

If you have any comments on the TRA's provisional choice of appropriate representative third country, please contact us via the Trade Remedies Service at [AD0058@traderemedies.gov.uk](mailto:AD0058@traderemedies.gov.uk) by 07 October 2024 at 23:59 hours GMT. We may consider submissions made after this date, but we are not obliged to do so.

We will publish our final decision, the reasons for it and address any comments received in response to this notice in the Statement of Essential Facts (SEF). Where we reject information for any reason, we will publish our reasons for rejection in the Statement of Essential Facts (SEF).

We would like to invite producers in Malaysia to participate in the investigation to provide certain sales and cost data, including commercially sensitive information, in order to assist us with our investigation. We will treat this information as confidential and will also ask any co-operating producer to provide a non-confidential version or summary of the information, so that we can publish this on our public file at the [Trade Remedies Service](#). If multiple producers choose to participate, we may use an appropriate sampling methodology to select who to involve further.



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