



Anti-dumping investigation

Case AD0075

Boom lifts originating in The People's Republic of China (PRC)

Note to the public file – proposed appropriate representative third country

2 April 2026

On 19 December 2025 the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) initiated an anti-dumping investigation into boom lifts originated in the PRC (the goods concerned) as per our [Notice of Initiation \(NOI\)](#).¹

The TRA has received an allegation made by the applicant that there is a Particular Market Situation (PMS) in the market for the goods concerned in the PRC.

The TRA has yet to make a determination on this point. However, if the TRA determines that there is a PMS in the PRC boom lifts market which has an effect on the domestic sales price in the PRC and does not permit a proper comparison of the domestic sales price in the PRC to the export sales price to the UK, the TRA may not use the comparable price to determine normal value of the goods concerned.

If the TRA determines that there is a PMS in the PRC boom lifts market, the TRA may construct a normal value in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(a) of the Trade Remedies (Dumping and Subsidisation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (“the Regulations”). The TRA does this by determining the costs of production plus a reasonable amount for administrative, selling, and general costs and for profits. The TRA may then adjust these figures using data from an appropriate representative

¹ This is the latest version of the Notice of Initiation, which was published on 27 February 2026 with an update to the commodity codes that the goods concerned are subject to.



third country. The TRA may also use data from this country as part of its examination of whether there is a PMS in the PRC boom lift market.

Following the notification of proposed appropriate representative third country, this notification details the TRA's decision.

On 9 March 2026, the TRA published a note to the file regarding the appropriate representative third country, proposing Mexico as the appropriate representative third country, due to the availability of cost data and the similarity of economic development to the PRC, based on indicators such as gross national income per capita and Human Development Index. This representative third country would apply if the TRA finds there is a PMS in the PRC boom lift market.

Parties provided comments on our proposed appropriate representative third country.

The TRA has assessed all the comments, and the decision of appropriate representative third country is detailed in the section "The TRA's choice of appropriate representative third country" below.

Responses to notification of proposed appropriate representative third country

UK producer

The TRA received a response to the notification of proposed appropriate representative third country from Niftylift Limited ("Niftylift")²

Niftylift stated that:

² Please refer to this document for more information: [TRA Investigations - Trade Remedies Service - GOV.UK](#)



1. There are numerous producers of boom lifts in Mexico that are associated companies of the exporting producers under investigation in the PRC.
2. There are incentives provided by the Mexican government for manufacturers, including the IMMEX (Maquiladora) program and Plan México.
3. These factors distort the costs of production and AS&G expenses boom lifts market in Mexico.
4. Should the TRA decide to use Mexico as an appropriate representative third country benchmark, the TRA should reply on publicly available data sources rather than company specific data.

Sampled overseas exporter

The TRA received a response to the notification of proposed appropriate representative third country from Zhejiang Dingli (“Dingli”).³ The TRA also received a response from Dingli to Niftylift’s above summarised submission.

Dingli stated that:

1. Mexico is similar to the PRC in terms of economic developments and other economic indicators.
2. There is sufficient publicly available data for the TRA to establish a benchmark even if no producers from Mexico register.
3. The presence of PRC associated producers in Mexico and incentive programs do not necessarily demonstrate that costs of production, SG&A, or profit levels in Mexico are distorted or unrepresentative.

Appropriate third country decision

Having reviewed the responses to the Notification of Proposed Sample and based on the information available to the TRA, the TRA considers it appropriate to select Mexico as an appropriate representative third country.

³ Please refer to these documents for more information: [TRA Investigations - Trade Remedies Service - GOV.UK](#)



The TRA's choice of appropriate representative third country

The TRA has chosen Mexico as the appropriate representative third country in this investigation (for use if the TRA finds there is a PMS in the PRC boom lift market), due to the availability of cost data and the similarity of economic development to the PRC, based on indicators such as gross national income per capita and Human Development Index.

The TRA will confirm which appropriate representative third country was used in its investigation and the reasons for that choice and will address any further comments received in response to this notice, in the Provisional Affirmative Determination (PAD) (where applicable) and in the Statement of Essential Facts (SEF), which is published later in the case timeline. If the TRA rejects information provided it will also publish our reasons for rejection in the SEF.

How we will ask for data from our selected third country

Having selected Mexico as an appropriate representative third country, the TRA is now inviting producers in that country to register to the investigation by completing a Third Country Producer Registration Form and providing certain sales and cost data to assist with the investigation. The Third Country Producer Registration Form is available [on the public file](#). If multiple producers choose to participate, we may use an appropriate sampling methodology to select the producers to involve further.

Producers may ask the TRA to treat some information as confidential, for example if it includes commercially sensitive data. The TRA will treat this information as confidential provided parties can show good cause as to why it should be treated as such. The TRA will also ask any producer submitting confidential information to provide a non-confidential version or summary of that information, so this can be published on the TRA's [public file](#) at the [Trade Remedies Service](#).



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Further information on submitting and summarising confidential information can be found in the TRA's [Trade Remedies guidance](#).

Find out more

You can find more information about the TRA's investigations processes in: [online trade remedies guidance](#).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact AD0075@traderemedies.gov.uk.