



NOTICE OF INITIATION

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

Initiation of an Investigation into Alleged Subsidisation Investigation No. AS0076

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) makes the following Notice under paragraph 9(6) of Schedule 4 to the Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Act 2018 (the Act) to initiate an investigation into alleged subsidisation.

The date of initiation of the investigation is 19 December 2025.

The decision to initiate the investigation follows an application lodged by Niftylift Limited (Company number 01264184), Chalkdell Drive, Shenley Wood, Milton Keynes, MK5 6GF, represented by Fieldfisher LLP, Riverbank House, 2 Swan Lane, London EC4R 3TT (the Application).

The Application was made on behalf of the United Kingdom (UK) industry in boom lifts. A non-confidential copy of the Application is available on our public file relating to this investigation. Please see the following links:

[Main Application & folders 1-5](#), and folders: [6](#), [7-9](#), [10-12](#), [13-15](#) and [16](#).

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 12 January 2026.

Please contact AS0076@traderemedies.gov.uk if you have any difficulties using this service.

Anyone registering their interest after 12 January 2026 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 PRC;
- any overseas exporter or UK importer of the goods concerned;



- any overseas producer of the goods concerned;
- any trade or business association of 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.

Information session

The Trade Remedies Advisory Service will be holding a general information session for interested parties to learn about how they can engage with the investigation and provide an opportunity to ask any general questions.

The session will be held on the 14th January 2026 at 11:00 – 12:00 GMT. If you would like to attend the session you can register at the following link: [Investigating imports of boom lifts - Is your business affected?](#)

If you are unable to attend the session, please contact the Advisory Service for a separate discussion at contact@traderemedies.gov.uk.

SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION

The goods

The goods subject to investigation (the Goods Concerned) are boom lifts (alternative names for the same product: cherry pickers, mobile access equipment (MAE), Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWP), aerial work platforms (AWP) and elevating work platforms (EWP)) described as:

Boom lifts designed for the lifting of people, equipment and/or materials, with a maximum working height of 6 metres or more, and pre-assembled or ready-to-assemble sections thereof, excluding individual components when presented separately (but not excluding the sections, presented individually or together, listed below). The Goods Concerned may contain additional features that provide for functions beyond the primary lifting function.

The Goods Concerned may be imported as finished boom lifts, assembled or unassembled, or in the following sections presented individually or together:

- booms including articulated and telescopic or straight (with or without jibs) or sub-assemblies thereof, assembled or not;
- chassis or sub-assemblies thereof, assembled or not;
- boom turret or turntables or sub-assemblies thereof, assembled or not;
- platforms or baskets or sub-assemblies thereof, assembled or not.



The scope excludes scissor lifts, forklifts, vertical mast lifts (including where described as a 'boom' or otherwise), mobile self-propelled cranes and motor vehicles that incorporate a scissor arm assembly or boom assembly.

The Goods Concerned are subject to the following commodity codes:

8427 1010 10	8427 9000 80	8428 9090 80	8431 3900 90
8427 1010 90	8428 1020 00	8431 2000 60	
8427 2019 10	8428 1080 00	8431 3100 00	
8427 2019 90	8428 9090 20	8431 3900 10	

The like goods for the purposes of this investigation are the same as the Goods Concerned as detailed above.

The exporting country or territory

The investigation concerns the Goods Concerned originating in the PRC.

Allegations of subsidisation and injury

The Application alleges that the Goods Concerned originating in the PRC are in receipt of countervailable subsidies. The alleged subsidy practices to be investigated include:

- a) preferential financing and credit;
- b) provision of goods and services for less than adequate remuneration;
- c) preferential tax treatment; and
- d) government grants

The Application alleges that this alleged subsidisation has caused injury to the UK industry in boom lifts through:

- a) actual and potential decline in: sales, profits, output, market share, productivity, return on investments and capacity utilisation;
- b) actual and potential negative effects on: growth, employment and stocks; and
- c) factors affecting domestic prices of the goods.

The Application further alleges that imports are threatening to cause injury through the effects of:

- a) exporters making investments to expand product scope and potential global expansion, with the intent to compete in the UK trailer market;
- b) changes to available production capacity of the exporters; and
- c) expected price suppression effect of potential imports.

SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION PROCESS



The period of investigation is 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025. In order to assess injury, we will examine the period from 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2025.

The investigation will involve the following process:

- inviting parties to register their interest in the investigation;
- issuing questionnaires, where practicable, to:
 - all interested parties (including the government of the PRC) who have registered an interest in the investigation;
 - all contributors who have registered an interest in the investigation; and
 - all UK producers, importers, and overseas exporters and overseas producers identified in the Application.
- carrying out verification visits to further assess and examine information;
- analysing information gathered;
- determining whether subsidised goods are being imported into the UK and the importation of these goods is causing injury to UK industry;
- determining an amount adequate to remove the injury;
- considering whether applying a countervailing 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, reject or request that the TRA reassess the recommendation. If our recommendation is rejected, the Secretary of State may decide to apply an alternative remedy.

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 a countervailing 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 are required to give a guarantee in respect of an estimated countervailing



amount. We will only recommend the requirement to give a guarantee where we are satisfied that it is necessary to prevent injury being caused during the investigation to a UK industry in the relevant goods.

Parties are invited to comment on the issue of a 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;
- 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 by using the [Trade Remedies Service](#).

For further information about hearings during an investigation, 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 (in exceptional circumstances)
- 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 investigations process, including our requirements for [submitting and summarising confidential information](#).

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19 December 2025