



**Pre-Sampling Questionnaire (Producer)**  
**Countervailing Investigation**  
**Case AS0067: Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO)**  
**originating in the United States of America**

<b>Period of Investigation:</b>	1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024
<b>Injury Period:</b>	1 January 2021 to 31 December 2024
<b>Deadline for response:</b>	1 April 2025
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- Confidential  
 Non-confidential – will be made publicly available

Please note that you will have to provide **two copies of your response** – a **confidential** and a **non-confidential version**. Both copies must be returned to the TRA using the Trade Remedies Service ([www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk](http://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk)) by **1 April 2025**.



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## The scope of this investigation

### Goods concerned

This investigation covers hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) originating in the US, described as:

*Biodiesel (or paraffinic diesel fuel / gasoil) obtained from synthesis or hydrotreatment of oils and fats of non-fossil origin, in pure form or as included in a blend, originating in the United States of America (US). This biodiesel is commonly known as hydrotreated (hydrogenated) vegetable oil diesel (HVO), renewable diesel or green diesel. Synthetic paraffinic kerosene (also known as sustainable aviation fuel (SAF)) is excluded from this description of biodiesel.*

These goods are currently classifiable within the following commodity codes:

1516209821	1518009923	2710194429	2710194810	2710201699
1516209823	1518009929	2710194432	2710194890	3824999210
1516209829	1518009932	2710194439	2710201121	3824999213
1516209832	1518009939	2710194621	2710201123	3824999214
1516209839	2710194221	2710194629	2710201129	3824999216
1518009121	2710194223	2710194623	2710201132	3824999219
1518009123	2710194229	2710194632	2710201139	3826009011
1518009129	2710194321	2710194639	2710201621	3826009019
1518009132	2710194329	2710194721	2710201623	3826009039
1518009139	2710194339	2710194723	2710201629	
1518009511	2710194390	2710194729	2710201632	
1518009519	2710194421	2710194732	2710201639	
1518009921	2710194423	2710194739	2710201692	

These commodity codes are only given for information.

In this pre-sampling questionnaire, these goods will be referred to as the goods concerned. Any reference to the goods concerned in this pre-sampling questionnaire refers to the goods description above, regardless of the commodity code under which they are exported.



## Like goods

This pre-sampling questionnaire asks for information about your company's imports and sales of goods which are **like** the goods concerned. Any reference to '**like goods**' in this pre-sampling questionnaire refers to goods produced in the UK or imported to the UK from a country other than the US which are like the goods concerned in all respects, or with characteristics closely resembling them.

**Please follow the instructions for each question to provide the appropriate information regarding the goods concerned or like goods.**

For more information about this case, you may refer to the Notice of Initiation published at: [HVO originating in the United States of America - Trade Remedies Service - GOV.UK](#).



## Instructions

### Who should complete this form

You should complete this form if you are a UK producer of the like goods in the investigation.

### Why you are being asked to complete this pre-sampling questionnaire

You have identified yourself as a UK producer of the like goods. We are therefore seeking your cooperation in the investigation.

This pre-sampling questionnaire allows us to collect basic information and data about your company. If a large number of UK producers complete this pre-sampling questionnaire, we will use the information each one provides to help us decide which companies we want to sample for further investigation. If you are sampled, we will send you a more detailed questionnaire to complete.

### Deadline for response

A completed pre-sampling questionnaire must be submitted to the TRA by no later than **1 April 2025**. If you are unable to provide a completed submission by the given due date and you wish to request an extension, please contact **David Sibley** [AS0067@traderemedies.gov.uk](mailto:AS0067@traderemedies.gov.uk) and see the TRA's guidance on extension requests for further information.

### Note about confidentiality

You will need to submit one confidential version and one non-confidential version of your pre-sampling questionnaire by the due date.

Please ensure that each page of information you provide is clearly marked either "Confidential" or "Non-confidential" in the header.

It is your responsibility to ensure that the non-confidential version does not contain any confidential information, which includes personal contact information, names and signatures.

Please see the TRA's [public guidance](#) for further information on what can be considered confidential and how to prepare a non-confidential version of this questionnaire.



All information provided to the TRA in confidence will be treated accordingly and only used for this investigation (except in limited circumstance as permitted by regulation 46 of the Trade Remedies (Dumping and Subsidisation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019) and will be stored in protected systems.

The non-confidential version of your submission will be placed on the public file, which is available on [HVO originating in the United States of America - Trade Remedies Service - GOV.UK](#).



## Section A – Activities of your company and any associated parties

### A1 – Your company’s activities

To determine your company’s role for the purpose of this investigation, please select the activity/activities of your company below. For a definition of goods concerned please refer to above section on [‘the scope of this investigation’](#).

- producer of the like goods in the UK
- other (please give details below)

If you have selected ‘other’, please describe the role of your company with regards to goods concerned or like goods:

(Click or tap here to enter text.)

Please describe your interest in this investigation:

Argent is a full member of the RTFA and therefore an applicant for the investigation.



## A2 – Associated parties and operational links

Please give details of all associated parties involved with the company in the production and sales (export and/or domestic) of the like goods during the POI. Both natural persons (individuals) and legal persons (e.g. companies) are considered to be associated where they meet the definition of ‘Related Persons’ in [regulation 128 of the Customs \(Import Duty\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018](#).

Examples of activities with associated parties could include production, domestic sales, export sales, and/or further processing of the like goods.

	Company name	Company location (city, country)	Activities	Relationship
Associated party 1	N/A			
Associated party 2				

+ Add additional rows as required



## Section B – Production, sales and imports

### B1 – Production

Please fill in your company's total UK production volume and capacity for the like goods in the table below.

	<b>Volume (Metric tonnes)</b>	<b>Volume (Litres)</b>
Overall production of the like goods during the POI	60,000-100,000	10m – 13m
Total production capacity of the like goods during the POI	95,000	113,050,000



## B2 – Sales volume and value

Please provide your UK sales data for the like goods produced in the UK by your company.

	Volume (Metric tonnes)	Volume (Litres)	Value in original currency (X)	Value in GBP (£)	Currency conversion rate
UK sales of the like goods produced in the UK during the POI	60,000 – 100,000	10m – 13m	GBP	60m – 100m	N/A



### B3 – Imports and Sales

If your company has also imported the goods concerned from the US or like goods from any other country and sold them in the UK during the POI, provide your sales data for these imported goods concerned/like goods.

	Volume (Metric tonnes)	Volume (Litres)	Value in original currency (X)	Value in GBP (£)	Currency conversion rate
Imports of the goods concerned from the US during the POI	N/A				
Imports of the like goods from countries other than the US during the POI	N/A				
UK sales of the goods concerned, imported from the US during the POI	N/A				
UK sales of the like goods, imported from countries other than the US during the POI	N/A				



## B4 – Conversion

Please fill in whether your company primarily uses metric tonnes to measure its production volume and if not, then please describe your conversion method.

Conversions		
Does your company primarily use metric tonnes to measure its production volume?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If not, then please describe your conversion method to metric tonnes.		
Please provide the density at which your products, the goods concerned, are sold at.		
Please detail the conversion rate you have used to convert mass to volume in litres.		



## Section C – Additional information

### C1 – Other interested parties

If you believe there are other interested parties that should receive a questionnaire, please provide their organisation name and website details below.

Organisation name	Website

### C2 – Scope

Do you agree with the scope of the investigation as outlined on page 3?

- Yes  
 No

If you have answered 'no' to the above question, please can you explain why?



### C3 – Product Control Numbers

The TRA uses Product Control Numbers (PCNs) to define and distinguish the different types of products that fall under the goods description above.

PCNs, which come in the form of an alphanumeric code, help to create a categorisation system so that comparisons can be made between goods produced in the domestic UK market and those produced in foreign markets.

We have created a draft PCN table and enclose this here for you now.

Characteristic	Symbol	Description
Type	F	FAME (fatty-acid mono-alkyl esters)
	P	Hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) / Paraffinic Diesel Fuel / Gasoil
Cold Filter Plugging Point (CFPP) in degrees centigrade to nearest degree	1	Higher than +9
	2	Higher than or equal to 0 but lower than or equal to +9
	3	Lower than 0 but higher than or equal to -9
	4	Lower than -9 but higher than or equal to -40
	5	Lower than -40
Feedstock	1	biodiesel from feedstocks subject to incentives (singled counted according to <a href="#">UK RTFO categories</a> )
	2	biodiesel from feedstocks subject to incentives (double counted according to <a href="#">UK RTFO categories</a> )
	0	other/special purpose sold without any certificate
Form	R(100)	Pure form
	B(XX)	XX equals percentage of biodiesel blended with mineral diesel (The nearest percentage rounded down to a whole number)



Please review the draft PCN structure for this investigation shown in the table above. Please include any comments on the PCN structure in the box provided.

#### C4 – Economic Interest Test

It is a requirement of the investigation to conduct an Economic Interest Test (EIT). The aim of the EIT is to determine whether the implementation of the proposed trade remedy measure is in the wider economic interest of the UK. In order to obtain a complete picture of the UK market, could you please help by providing us with details of your UK suppliers (upstream companies providing inputs) and UK customers (downstream companies buying your like goods). Please confirm in the final column if we are able to contact these companies.

	Company name	Company location (city, country)	Company contact information (email/telephone)	Relationship	Can we contact ? Yes/No
1	Saria UK	England , Doncaster	CONFIDENTIAL	Supplier of Tallow	Y
2	Advanced Proteins	England, Cheddleton		Supplier of Tallow	Y
3	Dundas Chemical Co	Scotland, Dumfries		Supplier of Tallow	Y
4	Leo Group	England, Halifax		Supplier of Tallow	Y



## C5 – Anything else

Please use the box below to provide information about anything else you consider relevant to this investigation:

(Click or tap here to enter text.)

Now you have reached the end of this questionnaire please ensure that you have prepared a confidential and non-confidential version and indicated the status of each within the header. The non-confidential version should redact personal contact information, names, signatures, and exact sales quotes. Redacted figures should be replaced with a range where possible. Please return both versions to the TRA using the Trade Remedies Service ([trade-remedies.service.gov.uk](https://trade-remedies.service.gov.uk)).