



## Pre-Sampling Questionnaire (Exporter) Anti-dumping Investigation Case AD0058: Goods concerned exported from the People's Republic of China

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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 **24 June 2024**



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## The scope of this investigation

### Goods concerned

This investigation covers goods exported from the People's Republic of China, described as:

- “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”

This biodiesel is currently classifiable within the following commodity codes:

1516 20 98 21,	1516 20 98 29,	1516 20 98 30,	1518 00 91 21,
1518 00 91 29,	1518 00 91 30,	1518 00 95 10,	1518 00 99 21,
1518 00 99 29,	1518 00 99 30,	2710 19 43 21,	2710 19 43 29,
2710 19 43 30,	2710 19 46 21,	2710 19 46 29,	2710 19 46 30,
2710 19 47 21,	2710 19 47 29,	2710 19 47 30,	2710 20 11 21,
2710 20 11 29,	2710 20 11 30,	2710 20 16 21,	2710 20 16 29,
2710 20 16 30,	2710 20 16 90,	3824 99 92 10,	3824 99 92 12,
3824 99 92 20,	3826 00 10 20,	3826 00 10 29,	3826 00 10 50,
3826 00 10 59,	3826 00 10 89,	3826 00 10 99,	3826 00 90 11,
3826 00 90 19,	3826 00 90 30		

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 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

In addition to seeking information about your company’s export sales to the UK of the goods concerned, this pre-sampling questionnaire will also ask about your sales of like goods in your domestic market and to third countries.

Any reference to ‘like goods’ in this questionnaire refers to goods 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: [www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases/AD0058/](http://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases/AD0058/).

## Instructions

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) is responsible for investigating the allegation that Biodiesel from the People's Republic of China is being exported to the UK at prices less than their normal value and that this dumping (export price at less than normal value) is causing injury to the UK industry for these goods.

### Who should complete this form

You should complete this form if you are an overseas exporter of goods concerned.

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

You have identified yourself as an overseas exporter of the goods concerned. 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 overseas exporters of the goods concerned from the People's Republic of China 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.

By submitting a completed detailed questionnaire response, you might become eligible for an individual anti-dumping amount, if we are recommending that measures apply following this investigation. Please refer to [Section C](#) for more information on individual anti-dumping amounts.

If you do not complete this pre-sampling questionnaire or the detailed questionnaire, you could be found to be non-cooperating. For more details on how this may affect you, please consult our [operational guidance on non-cooperation](#).

### Deadline for response

A completed pre-sampling questionnaire must be submitted to the TRA by no later than **24 June 2024**. If you are unable to provide a completed submission by the given due date and you wish to request an extension, please contact **AD0058@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 [www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases/AD0058/](http://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases/AD0058/).



## 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 ‘the scope of this investigation’.

- overseas exporter of the goods concerned  
 other (please give details below)

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

N/A.

Please describe your interest in this investigation:

Changzhou City Jintan District Weige Biological Technology Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as “Weige Biological Technology” or “our company”) is a producer and overseas exporter of goods concerned. During the period of investigation, Weige Biological Technology, indirectly, exported the goods concerned manufactured by itself to the UK. Whether the anti-dumping measures will be imposed will have an influence on the sales of Weige Biological Technology.

### 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 goods concerned or 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 could include manufacturing, exporting, purchasing, warehousing, sales (domestic), sales (export), further processing of the goods concerned or like goods.

	Company name	Company location (city, country)	Activities	Relationship
Associated Party 1	<i>Suzhou Fengbei Biotech Stock Co., LTD</i>	<i>Zhangjiagang City, China</i>	<i>[redacted commercially sensitive information]</i>	<i>Parent company of Weige Biological Technology and other related companies</i>
Associated Party 2	<i>Changzhou Jintan Liangyou Oil &amp; Fats Co.,Ltd.</i>	<i>Changzhou City, China</i>	<i>[redacted commercially sensitive information]</i>	<i>Both companies (Weige Biological Technology and this related company) ultimately controlled by a third person.</i>
Associated Party 3	<i>Topnotch Biotech (Jiangsu) Co.,Ltd.</i>	<i>Zhangjiagang City, China</i>	<i>[redacted commercially sensitive information]</i>	<i>Both companies (Weige Biological Technology and this related company) ultimately controlled by a third person.</i>



Associated Party 4	SUZHOU FUZHIYUAN BIOTECH CO.LTD	Zhangjiagang City, China	[redacted commercially sensitive information]	Both companies (Weige Biological Technology and this related company) ultimately controlled by a third person.
Associated Party 5	ADVANCED BIOENERGY (HONGKONG) CO., LIMITED	HONG KONG	[redacted commercially sensitive information]	Both companies (Weige Biological Technology and this related company) ultimately controlled by a third person.

+ Add additional rows as required



## Section B – Production and sales volumes

### B1 – Production

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

	<b>Volume</b> (Metric tonnes)
Overall production of the goods concerned and like goods during the POI	[commercially sensitive data: non-confidential range: 100,000-200,000]
Total production capacity of the goods concerned and like goods during the POI	[commercially sensitive data: non-confidential range: 100,000-200,000]



**B2 – Sales volume and value**

Please provide the total sales volumes and sales price values in the table below.

	<b>Volume (Metric tonnes)</b>	<b>Value in original currency (X)</b>	<b>Value in GBP (£)</b>	<b>Conversion rate</b>
Total export sales of the goods concerned to the UK during the POI <b>manufactured</b> by your company	[commercially sensitive data: non-confidential range: 4,000-5,000] (note)	[commercially sensitive data: non-confidential range: 30,000,000-40,000,000]	[commercially sensitive data: non-confidential range: 3,000,000-4,000,000]	[commercially sensitive data: non-confidential range: 0-10]
Total export sales of the goods concerned to the UK during the POI <b>not manufactured</b> by your company	[commercially sensitive data: non-confidential range: 0-1,000]	[commercially sensitive data: non-confidential range: 0-1,000]	[commercially sensitive data: non-confidential range: 0-1,000]	[commercially sensitive data: non-confidential range: 0-10]
Total domestic sales of like goods during the POI <b>manufactured</b> by your company	[commercially sensitive data: non-confidential range: 20,000-30,000]	[commercially sensitive data: non-confidential range: 160,000,000-170,000,000]	[commercially sensitive data: non-confidential range: 10,000,000-20,000,000]	[commercially sensitive data: non-confidential range: 0-10]
Total domestic sales of like goods during the POI <b>not manufactured</b> by your company	[commercially sensitive data: non-confidential range: 500-1000]	[commercially sensitive data: non-confidential range: 4,000,000-5,000,000]	[commercially sensitive data: non-confidential range: 400,000-500,000]	[commercially sensitive data: non-confidential range: 0-10]

Weige’s explanatory note: Export reported in the first line of this table (Total export sales of the goods concerned to the UK during the POI manufactured by your



company) was made [redacted – commercially sensitive information about the channel of trade] to the UK during the Period of Investigation.

**B3 – 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.

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.			

**B4 – Commodity codes**

Please provide details of the commodity code(s) you export the goods concerned to the UK under in the box below:

The commodity code under which Weige Biological Technology exports the goods concerned to the UK is 3826 0000 01.

**B5 – Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) Production**

Please provide details of your HVO production, including sale and production volumes if applicable:



	Volume (Metric tonnes)	Value in original currency (X)	Value in GBP (£)	Conversion rate
Overall production of HVO during the POI	0	0	0	N/A
Total production capacity of HVO during the POI	0	0	0	N/A
Total export sales of HVO to the UK during the POI <b>manufactured</b> by your company	0	0	0	N/A
Total export sales of HVO to the UK during the POI <b>not manufactured</b> by your company	0	0	0	N/A
Total domestic sales of HVO during the POI <b>manufactured</b> by your company	0	0	0	N/A
Total domestic sales of HVO during the POI <b>not manufactured</b> by your company	0	0	0	N/A



## Section C – Individual anti-dumping amount

If the TRA decides to sample overseas exporters, and you are **not** selected for this sample, you might become eligible for an individual anti-dumping amount if you complete a detailed questionnaire. Please indicate whether you would complete this questionnaire below:

- Yes  
 No

If you do **not** choose to complete a detailed questionnaire, you will not be eligible for an individual anti-dumping amount. Your anti-dumping amount will be determined based on the amounts imposed on the overseas exporters in the sample.

### Please note:

If we recommend that a trade remedy measure **applies** following this **investigation**, and you have requested an individual **anti-dumping amount**, please note that you will be required to supply the necessary information within the given timeframe for us to calculate this for you.

The TRA must accept an overseas exporter's request for an individual **anti-dumping amount** and calculate an individual amount, providing that:

- the information required is complete and submitted on time; and
- the number of requests for individual calculations does not unduly burden the **investigation** and risk delaying its conclusion.



## Section D – Additional information

### D1 – 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

### D2 – Particular Market Situation

If you have information about the possible existence of a particular market situation in the People’s Republic of China, please provide details in the box below. Examples of a particular market situation can include:

- Artificially low prices;
- There is significant barter trade (e.g. goods exchanged for other goods);
- Prices reflecting non-commercial factors; or
- Anything else.

Weige Biological Technology does not believe there’s any Particular Market Situation existed in China for this industry, because both biodiesel industry and its upstream products are fully-competitive-market oriented businesses. The Company have never heard of any barter trade in the business. We firmly believe that the prices and costs of the product concerned or its upstream materials fully reflect market rules, i.e., they are determined by market force based on supply and demand.

### D3 – Appropriate Third Country



In respect of imports from particular foreign countries and territories, the TRA may calculate the normal value of the goods concerned using an appropriate third country in accordance with Regulation 14 of the D&S Regulations. The Applicant has proposed Brazil as an appropriate third country..

Do you agree with Brazil as an appropriate third country? Please explain your reasons.

In general, we do not believe that there is any Particular Market Situation or other circumstance which justify TRA's use of the "appropriate third country" method to replace prices or costs of our company and other biodiesel companies in China. Even if the investigating authority insists on the existence of Particular Market Situation that requires the substitution of the relevant enterprises' cost and price data, our company believes that the use of in-China market prices and costs should be prioritized over the use of external (third country) surrogate values, since the substitution would lead to strictly inaccurate or distorted results. In the event that the investigating authority insists on choosing one country as an appropriate third country, it is difficult for our company to judge whether Brazil could be such an appropriate third country at this stage of the investigation, we reserve the right to comment on this issue in later part of this investigation.

#### D4 – 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?

N/A.  
We reserve the right to comment on this issue as the case proceeds and, in particular, as further information becomes available.



## D5 – 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	F - FAME (fatty-acid mono-alkyl esters)
	P	P - Paraffinic gasoils
Cold Filter Plugging Point (CFPP) in degrees centigrade to nearest degree	1	1 - Higher than +9
	2	2 - Higher than or equal to 0 but lower than or eq
	3	3 - Lower than 0 but higher than or equal to -9
	4	4 - Lower than -9 but higher than or equal to -40
	5	5 - Lower than -40
Feedstock	1	1 - biodiesel from food and feed crops
	2	2 - biodiesel from feedstocks subject to incentives (e.g. double counting)
	3	3 - biodiesel from feedstock other than food and feed crops and not subject to incentives
	0	0 - other/special purpose sold without any certificate
Form	P(100)	Included in a blend with mineral fuel Pure form (100)



	B(XX)	Included in a blend with mineral fuel
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Under this PCN structure, biodiesel assigned PCN F12B30 would be a product that corresponds with the following:

- FAME
- A Cold Filter Plugging Point (CFPP) higher than +9
- Biodiesel from feedstocks subject to incentives
- A 30 percent blend rate

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.

We have no comment on the PCN structure in the box provided above at this stage of the investigation.  
 We reserve the right to comment on this issue as the case proceeds and, in particular, as further information becomes available.

### D6 – 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					
2					



3					
4					

### D7 – Anything else

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

Export reported in Section B.2 (Total export sales of the goods concerned to the UK during the POI manufactured by your company) was made [redacted – commercially sensitive information on sales channel] to the UK during the Period of Investigation.

Please also note that the goods concerned exported by our company to the UK during the period of investigation were special in terms of [redacted – commercially sensitive information].

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)).