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**Report Name:** European Union Launches Expiry Review of Countervailing Duties Against US Biodiesel

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**Report Highlights:**

The European Union's countervailing duties against U.S. biodiesel were set to expire on September 16, 2020. However, on September 14, the European Commission decided to review the expiry of the measures. The Commission now has up to 15 months to conduct an investigation. During this period, the existing duties will remain in place.

## **General Information:**

In 2008, the European Commission launched an anti-subsidy and antidumping investigation on biodiesel originating in the United States following a complaint lodged by the European Biodiesel Board, the trade association representing the EU biodiesel producers.

As a result of the investigation, since 2009, the EU has placed countervailing duties of up to EUR 409.2 (USD 484) per metric ton on imports from the United States due to the U.S. tax credit on biodiesel. The product concerned currently falls within the following CN codes of the [EU combined nomenclature](#): CN codes ex 1516 20 98, ex 1518 00 91, ex 1518 00 99, ex 2710 19 43, ex 2710 19 46, ex 2710 19 47, ex 2710 20 11, ex 2710 20 16, ex 3824 99 92, 3826 00 10 and ex 3826 00 90.

These duties were renewed in 2011 and in September 2015 when the EU extended the duties against U.S. biodiesel an additional five years to September 16 of 2020 ([Regulation 2015/1519](#)).

On September 14, two days before the expiry of the duties, the European Commission launched [an investigation](#) to extend the anti-dumping measures against U.S. biodiesel. The investigation follows a request by the European Biodiesel Board, who has asked the Commission for another extension of the duties of five years. According to the Commission, there is “sufficient evidence that, should measures be allowed to lapse, the current import level of the product under review from the country concerned to the Union is likely to increase due to the existence of unused capacity in the country concerned and the attractiveness of the Union market in terms of volume of consumption.” The Commission has to finalize the investigation within 12 to 15 months. During this period, the existing duties will remain in place.

Interested parties can submit comments on the investigation. More information about how to comment is included in the [Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the anti-subsidy measures applicable to imports of biodiesel originating in the United States of America](#)

Additional information is also available on the European Commission’s website:  
[https://trade.ec.europa.eu/tdi/case\\_details.cfm?id=2473](https://trade.ec.europa.eu/tdi/case_details.cfm?id=2473)

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.