

GENERAL INFORMATION

Background. --This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on March 23, 2017, by National Biodiesel Board Fair Trade Coalition (Washington, DC) and its individual members. Countervailing and/or antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these proceedings if the Commission makes an affirmative determination of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) makes an affirmative determination of subsidization and/or dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2017/biodiesel_argentina_and_indonesia/preliminary.htm

Biodiesel covered by these investigations is a fuel comprised of monoalkyl esters of long chain fatty acids derived from vegetable oils or animal fats, including waste oils or greases, and other biologically based oil or fat sources. This includes biodiesel in pure form (“B100”) as well as fuel mixtures containing at least 99 percent biodiesel by volume (“B99”). For fuel mixtures containing less than 99 percent biodiesel by volume, only the biodiesel component of the mixture is covered by the scope of the petitions.¹

Biodiesel covered by these investigations is currently imported primarily under subheadings 3826.00.10 and 3826.00.30 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The HTSUS provisions are for convenience and customs purposes.

Reporting of information.-- If information is not readily available from your records, provide carefully prepared estimates.

Confidentiality.--The data furnished in response to this survey that reveal the individual operations of your firm will be treated as confidential by the Commission to the extent that such data are not otherwise available to the public and will not be disclosed except as may be required by law (see 19 U.S.C. 1677f). Such confidential information will not be published in a manner that will reveal the individual operations of your firm; however, general characterizations of numerical business proprietary information (such as discussion of trends) will be treated as confidential business information only at the request of the submitter for good cause shown.

Release of information.--The information provided by your firm in response to this survey, as well as any other business proprietary information submitted by your firm to the Commission in connection with this proceeding, may become subject to, and released under, the administrative protective order provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1677f) and section 207.7 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.7). This means that certain lawyers and other authorized individuals may temporarily be given access to the information for use in connection with this proceeding or other import-injury proceedings conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise; those individuals would be subject to severe penalties if the information were divulged to unauthorized individuals. Please also retain a copy of the final document that you submit.

¹ Biodiesel is generally produced to American Society for Testing and Materials International (“ASTM”) D6751 specifications, but it can also be made to other specifications. Biodiesel commonly has one of the following Chemical Abstracts Service (“CAS”) numbers, generally depending upon the feedstock used: 67784-80-9 (soybean oil methyl esters); 91051-34- 2 (palm oil methyl esters); 91051-32-0 (palm kernel oil methyl esters); 73891-99-3 (rapeseed oil methyl esters); 61788-61-2 (tallow methyl esters); 68990-52-3 (vegetable oil methyl esters); 129828-16-6 (canola oil methyl esters); 67762-26-9 (unsaturated alkylcarboxylic acid methyl ester); or 68937-84-8 (fatty acids, C12-C18, methyl ester).

Contact information.--Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in this survey. This may or may not be the person whose signature is at the bottom of page 1.

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| Name | |
| Title | |
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PURCHASE INFORMATION

1. **Purchases.**—Report your firm’s total U.S. purchases of biodiesel. Estimates are acceptable.

| Item | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|--|-----------------------|------|------|
| | Quantity (in gallons) | | |
| Purchases of biodiesel produced in-- United States | | | |
| Argentina | | | |
| Indonesia | | | |
| All other countries: ¹ | | | |
| Sources unknown | | | |
| Total purchases | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ¹ Please identify these countries: | | | |

2. **Changes in purchasing patterns.**--Please indicate how the shares of your firm’s purchases of biodiesel from different sources have changed since January 1, 2014.

| Source of purchases | Did not purchase | Decreased | Increased | Constant | Fluctuated | Explanation for trend |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| United States | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Argentina | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Indonesia | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| All other countries | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Sources unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

3. **Major purchasing factors.**--Please list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase biodiesel.

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| 1. | |
| 2. | |
| 3. | |
| Please list any other factors that are very important in your purchase decisions: | |

4. **Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.**—

- (a) Since January 2014, did your firm purchase imports of biodiesel from Argentina and/or Indonesia instead of U.S.-produced biodiesel? Respond for each subject country.

| Source | Yes (also respond to parts (b) and (c)) | No (If “No” for all countries, skip to next question) |
|-----------|--|--|
| Argentina | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Indonesia | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- (b) If you responded “Yes” to part (a), was the imported product priced lower than the domestic product?

| Source | Yes | No |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Argentina | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Indonesia | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- (c) If you responded “Yes” to part (a), was price a primary reason for purchasing subject imports rather than domestic product?

| Source | Yes | If Yes, estimate the quantity of imports purchased instead of domestic product since January 2014 (in gallons) | No | If No, please indicate the reason your firm purchased imports instead of domestic product |
|-----------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| Argentina | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Indonesia | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

5. **U.S. producers and import competition.**—

(a) Since January 1, 2014, in connection with a sale or offer to sell biodiesel to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced biodiesel in order to compete with lower-priced imports of biodiesel from the subject countries? Respond for each subject country.

| Source | Yes (also respond to question part (b)) | No (If “No” for all countries, skip to next question) | Don’t know |
|-----------|---|---|--------------------------|
| Argentina | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Indonesia | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(b) If your firm responded “yes” to any of the above countries, please provide an estimate of the reduction in U.S. producers’ prices, and any additional explanations, such as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors.

| Source | Estimated reduction in U.S. prices (percent) | Additional explanation, including such information as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors |
|-----------|--|---|
| Argentina | % | |
| Indonesia | % | |

6. **Method of purchase**--Please provide a general description of your firm’s method(s) of purchase (e.g., individual purchase, contract, bids, Internet purchases, etc.) for biodiesel.

7. **Other explanations**--Please provide any additional comments in this box.

OMB INFORMATION

- 8. **OMB statistics.**--Please report the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this survey.

| Hours | Dollars |
|-------|---------|
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The questions in this survey have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this survey is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the survey.

We welcome comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate, suggestions for reducing the burden, and any suggestions for improving this survey. Please attach such comments to your response or send to the Office of Investigations, USITC, 500 E St. SW, Washington, DC 20436.

HOW TO FILE YOUR SURVEY RESPONSE

Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the survey document.

Please submit the completed survey using one of the methods noted below. If your firm is unable to complete the MS Word survey or cannot use one of the electronic methods of submission, please contact the Commission for further instructions.

- **Upload via Secure Drop Box.**—Upload the MS Word questionnaire along with a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1) through the Commission’s secure upload facility:

Web address: <https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/> **Pin:** **BIOD**

- **E-mail.**—E-mail the MS Word survey to Michele.breaux@usitc.gov; include a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1). *Submitters are strongly encouraged to encrypt nonpublic documents that are electronically transmitted to the Commission to protect your sensitive information from unauthorized disclosure. The USITC secure drop-box system and the Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) use Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 140-2 cryptographic algorithms to encrypt data in transit. Submitting your nonpublic documents by a means that does not use these encryption algorithms (such as by email) may subject your firm’s nonpublic information to unauthorized disclosure during transmission. If you choose a non-encrypted method of electronic transmission, the Commission warns you that the risk of such possible unauthorized disclosure is assumed by you and not by the Commission.*

If your firm did not purchase this product, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.