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The European Commission has started investigations to find out whether Argentinean and Indonesian exporters of biodiesel sell the products in the bloc at prices below cost. The investigation will determine whether biodiesel from the two countries "is being dumped and whether the dumped imports have caused injury to the industry", according to the Official Journal.

The Commission has now nine months to decide whether to impose provisional anti-dumping duties for half a year and EU governments have 15 months to decide whether to apply "definitive" levels for five years.

In 2009, the EU hit the US with five-year anti-dumping duties on biodiesel. The move brought imports from this country to a virtual standstill.

In July, the European Biodiesel Board had complained on behalf of manufacturers in the Union about dumping of biodiesel originating from Argentina and Indonesia.