

EBB warns of 'widespread biodiesel trafficking'

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The seizure of a cargo carrying large quantities of biodiesel illegally imported in Venice last month is only the tip of the iceberg, European Biodiesel Board (EBB) said on Tuesday as an Italian judge confirmed that the fraudulent nature of the goods.

"The cargo is part of wider trans-shipment traffic aimed at evading existing EU anti-dumping and anti-subsidy measures on US biodiesel," said the trade association. The sector blames the US for the slow growth in European biodiesel production.

The seized goods had reportedly been exported from Canada but there is strong evidence they initially came from the US, claims EBB. Since 2006, the EU has seen a dramatic rise in blended biodiesel imports from the US. Anti-dumping measures were subsequently introduced to tackle the problem.

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