

[EU launches probe into US biodiesel: avoiding punitive tariff by reshipping through Canada, Singapore?](#)

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The European Commission has launched an investigation into shipments of US biodiesel into Europe to determine if US biodiesel producers are circumventing an antidumping tariff imposed last year.

Ironically, the \$1 per gallon tax credit available for US-based biodiesel production, which caused the price differential which led to the allegations of dumping, has not been renewed in the US this year to date.

However, the EU said that it will investigate whether US biodiesel is being shipped to the EU via Canada or Singapore. The EU imposed a five-year punitive tariff on US producers last year. The current investigation follows a complaint about transshipment filed by the European Biodiesel Board in June. The EU said it will also look into allegations that a B19 blend of biodiesel is being shipped in addition to pure B100 biodiesel. Blends below 20 percent biodiesel content were not covered by the tariff order imposed by the EU last year.