

EBB Press Release

**EBB supports US anti-dumping and countervailing duty complaints
against Argentinian and Indonesian unfair biodiesel exports
announced today**



The EBB welcomed today's announcement by the National Biodiesel Board (NBB), who filed both an anti-dumping and countervailing duty complaints against dumped and subsidised biodiesel imports from Argentina and Indonesia.

The EBB US homologue – NBB – reported today that the US biodiesel market suffered severe damage from illegal trade activities, which escalated by 464% between 2014 and 2016 and took nearly 20% of the market share from U.S. producers. As it happened before in Europe (and would still happen in the absence of high enough EU duties) both Argentinian and Indonesian producers have been exporting biodiesel to the United States at prices far below their costs of production. The NBB claimed a dumping margin of 23.3 percent for Argentina and 34.0 percent for Indonesia.

The news about NBB taking a legal step to counter the unfair trade practices originating in both Argentina and Indonesia are a proof of the fact that history likes to repeat itself. The EU biodiesel market has faced the exact same challenge few years back, as a result of which definitive anti-dumping duties were imposed against biodiesel imported from both countries in November 2013. The unfair trade practices resulting especially from the Differential Export Tax (DET) in place both in Argentina and Indonesia, have caused serious economic damage that has been challenged and condemned not only in the EU, but equally in Peru. Today, the time has come for the NBB to denounce and disrupt the illegal trade patterns.

"We welcome NBB action and are confident about the success of the freshly lodged complaints. After Peruvians did the same few months ago, the US market's recourse to a legal solution clearly shows that the unfair trade imbalances caused by the Argentinians and Indonesian producers are impossible to cope with and pose a severe threat to the global biodiesel market's level playing field. Most importantly, we hope that the news will also send a strong signal to EU authorities about the undeniably legitimate character of the EU trade defence measures in place for biodiesel against Indonesia and Argentina." – stated Raffaello Garofalo, Secretary General of the European Biodiesel Board.

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*The **European Biodiesel Board (EBB)** is a non-profit organisation established in January 1997. Today, EBB gathers 60 members across 21 Member-States, which represents 75% of the European output. Biodiesel is the main European solution to reduce emissions from transport and dependence on imported oil. EBB aims to promote the use of biodiesel in the European Union and is committed to fulfil International standards for sustainability in GHG emissions and sustainable feedstock. EBB is constantly working towards the development of improved and greener technologies.*