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National Biodiesel Board Fair Trade Coalition
Trade Remedy Petition: Argentina and Indonesia

- On March 23, 2017, the National Biodiesel Board Fair Trade Coalition—whose members include the National Biodiesel Board and U.S. producers—filed antidumping and countervailing duty petitions with the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. International Trade Commission.
- On April 12, 2017, the Commerce Department confirmed the allegations in the petitions, formally initiating investigations into various subsidy programs—including Argentina’s provision of soybean feedstock at depressed prices—as well as allegations up dumping at rates up to 26.54 percent for Argentina and up to 28.11 percent for Indonesia.
- As alleged in the petitions, a flood of dumped and subsidized imports from Argentina and Indonesia has resulted in market share losses and depressed prices for domestic producers. The result has been material injury to American manufacturers and workers. Biodiesel imports from Argentina and Indonesia surged by 464 percent from 2014 to 2016, taking 18.3 percentage points of market share from U.S. manufacturers.
- On May 5, 2017, the International Trade Commission voted 5-0 in finding that there is a reasonable indication that a U.S. industry is materially injured by reason of imports of biodiesel from Argentina and Indonesia that are allegedly subsidized and sold in the United States at less than fair value. (Biodiesel from Argentina and Indonesia, Inv. Nos. 701-TA-571-572 and 731-TA-1347-1348 (Preliminary)).
- This is not the first time that Argentine and Indonesian biodiesel producers have been charged with violating international trade laws. In 2013, the EU imposed 41.9 to 49.2% percent duties on Argentina and 8.8 to 23.3% duties on Indonesia. And just last year, Peru imposed both antidumping and countervailing duties on Argentine biodiesel.
- Through this case, we seek to create a level playing field for U.S. biodiesel producers and workers, as well as the American farmers who support this important industry.