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The Commission is closely monitoring the implementation of the EU Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) mandate, including the feedback from the industry on SAF prices and their effects on SAF production in the EU market. The Commission is committed to supporting SAF production in the EU and to consider action where the EU SAF industry would be subject to unfair trade or pricing practices.

SAF namely the Hydroprocessed Esters and Fatty Acids (HEFA) - SAF, is covered by the anti-dumping and anti-subsidy measures on biodiesel imports from the USA which are in force since 2009 and currently subject to expiry reviews[1]. The anti-dumping and countervailing duties in question were imposed after thorough investigations showing that unfairly priced imports from the US caused injury to EU producers. The measures do not block imports but rather restore fair competition and contribute to the continued presence of a healthy biodiesel industry in the EU. Allowing unfair competition would discourage investments in the market, which would not be beneficial to the EU aviation sector in the medium to long term.

On 31 July 2026, the Commission initiated interim reviews of these measures precisely with a view to investigate whether HEFA-SAF should be excluded from those anti-dumping and anti-subsidy measures. Therefore, the matter is currently being investigated, industry will be consulted, and Member States are part of the decision-making process.

[1] OJ L, 2025/1869, 15.9.2025 - https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2025/1869/oj;
Notice of initiation of a partial interim review of the anti-subsidy measures applicable to imports of biodiesel originating in the United States of America, 31.07.2026 - https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/C/2026/4087/oj.