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## Fertilizers Europe statement on UAN fertilizer market

European fertilizer manufacturers operate in a global marketplace and advocate for fair and open trade. The industry faced severe difficulties over the 2017-2018 period due to the artificially low-priced dumped products. The European Commission's investigation found hard evidence for dumping, resulting in 2019 in the introduction of the anti-dumping measures<sup>1</sup> on imports of UAN originating in Russia, USA and Trinidad & Tobago, thus preventing further injury to EU industry. Measures put in place by the European Commission proved effective.

This summer, the European fertilizer industry is facing a different but real and challenging economic reality. Gas, which normally account for 60-80% of industry's operating costs, noted record high prices (+595% annual increase<sup>2</sup>) while the gas price gap between the EU (15.49 USD/mmBtu<sup>3</sup>) and its major competitor Russia, reached around US\$12 mmbtu.

Combined with record high EU ETS allowance prices and the fact that most international competitors produce in countries where such carbon policies are not in place, the European fertilizer industry is faced with a perfect storm momentarily creating an extremely difficult economic situation.

Over this troublesome turbulent period, Fertilizers Europe calls on the European Commission authorities to remain steadfast and to continue their established enforcement of fair competition conditions on gas and fertilizer on the EU market.

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### Notes to editors:

1. The European Commission UAN anti-dumping regulation: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32019R1688&from=EN>
2. DG AGRI, commodity price dashboard - [commodity-price-dashboard\\_2021-08\\_en.pdf \(europa.eu\)](#)
3. World Bank Commodities Price Data - <https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/5d903e848db1d1b83e0ec8f744e55570-0350012021/related/CMO-Pink-Sheet-September-2021.pdf>

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Fertilizers Europe represents the majority of fertilizer producers in Europe and is recognized as the dedicated industry source of information on mineral fertilizers. The Association communicates with a wide variety of institutions, legislators, stakeholders and members of the public who seek information on fertilizer technology and topics relating to today's agricultural, environmental and economic challenges.

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