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Mexico launches anti-dumping investigation into boxboard imports from Austria, Finland, Sweden

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The Mexican Ministry of Economy has formally initiated an anti-dumping investigation into imports of boxboard originating from Austria, Finland and Sweden on Wednesday April 8, after accepting a petition from two major domestic manufacturers, Productora de Papel and Cartones Ponderosa.

The petitioners claim that between August 2022 and July 2025 the Mexican market had a surge in imports from the three European countries at prices lower than those of domestic producers, threatening the local industry's financial health and competitiveness, according to the petition.

The Secretariat of Economy confirmed that both definitive and temporary imports are under scrutiny, with the period under formal investigation set from August 1, 2024, to July 31, 2025.

In the claim, the products classified were described as coated or uncoated boxboard made from virgin or recycled fiber, used primarily for packaging solutions across industries such as food, beverages, pharmaceuticals and

cosmetics. These products reach Mexico under several tariff classifications, including 4810.13.07, 4810.29.99, 4810.32.01, 4810.39.99, 4810.92.01 and 4810.99.99.

As of January 1, imports classified under these categories were already subject to a 25% tariff, according to recent amendments to Mexico's import regulations. But goods originating from countries with which Mexico has trade treaties may qualify for preferential tariff treatment if they meet the stipulated requirements, including those from Europe.

The Ministry of Economy will now gather evidence and input from stakeholders, including foreign exporters and domestic producers. The outcome may result in special duties or restrictions if dumping is confirmed and local industry harm is substantiated.

Market sources indicated that they expect a provisional compensatory quota to be announced around August for these European imports, in a range similar to the one already implemented for Chinese imports, which have a countervailing duty of \$0.3702 per kilogram of boxboard.

"This could represent a 60% duty charge on final prices," a source stated.

Market participants also expect the final decision on the anti-dumping investigation against China to come later this month, after a public hearing held on March 11. Sources told Fastmarkets they expect duties to be applied against Chinese paper for the next five years.

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Tetra Pak analysis shows modernising dairy processing lines can cut emissions by up to 49%

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Dairy producers can achieve significant decarbonisation and efficiency gains by using available Tetra Pak solutions and existing equipment.

Modernising existing dairy processing equipment can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40-49%¹, depending on the type of line, according to a new study by Tetra Pak. Importantly, these reductions don't necessarily require a full-line overhaul and use solutions that are currently on the market. The study also examined how improving existing equipment lines can lead to substantial cuts in emissions, product losses, and operating costs.

The new Dairy Processing Impact Assessment, independently reviewed by the Carbon Trust, uses a methodology aligned with leading international avoided emissions frameworks.² It quantifies the gains available from upgrading existing liquid dairy processing lines.³ The study compares 2019 best-practice lines with potential emissions savings based on a modelled global roll-out of upgraded lines in 2025.

The global dairy sector plays a critical role in global food systems through the food and beverages it provides and the livelihoods it supports worldwide. At the same time, it is a significant user of water and energy and was responsible for 2.7% of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in 2023.⁴ Yet this context also opens the door to a significant opportunity. By optimising

existing processing lines with solutions already available on the market, producers can enhance efficiency, reduce costs, and strengthen environmental performance without waiting for new technologies or undertaking full line replacements. These proven improvements offer a practical, immediate pathway to more resilient, resource-efficient dairy operations.

The study shows that modernising existing equipment delivers substantial efficiency gains, with average reductions of 47% in greenhouse gas emissions, 45% in water use, and 57% in product losses.⁵ If these modernisations were implemented across global dairy production, this could lead to potential global carbon savings of up to 12.7 MtCO₂e or taking three million cars off the road.⁶ Implementing water saving and recovery solutions, such as advanced filtration and cleaning in place (CIP) systems, could reduce water use in dairy production lines by up to 455 million m³ a year globally.

Rodrigo Godoi, Vice President, Processing Portfolio Management at Tetra Pak, comments: "For many dairy producers, improving efficiency while managing costs is a daily challenge. Our study shows that practical improvements to existing lines can reduce energy, water, and product loss, helping customers strengthen performance and lower total cost of ownership without major disruption.

"And with supportive policy frameworks and access to targeted financial incentives, these improvements can be scaled even further, helping producers overcome upfront investment barriers and accelerating progress across the dairy sector."

The assessment findings underline the contribution that improvements to existing processing lines can make to more stable and resilient food systems. These reductions can be supported by Tetra Pak through a suite of market-available upgrades to existing lines, including:

- Electrically powered heat pumps, replacing or reducing the use of fossil fuel-based energy in boilers and chillers, with the goal of lowering fuel consumption and reducing heat-related emissions.⁷
- Integrated process efficiency, enabled by OneStep Technology for UHT milk and yoghurt, combining multiple process steps into a single, more efficient concept, delivering electricity and steam savings.⁸
- Filtration and recovery solutions, including membrane filtration, cleaning in place (CIP) recovery, and water filtering stations that recover product loss and water from process and cleaning streams.⁹

Veronika Thieme, Associate Director Europe at the Carbon Trust, comments: “Our food systems offer significant decarbonisation opportunities. Assessing avoided emissions is a powerful way to understand the carbon savings these solutions can deliver. By quantifying the avoided emissions from new solutions that can help the agricultural industry cut emissions, we create the evidence base needed to scale them.”

¹ Based on an avoided-emissions / net carbon impact approach comparing 2019 Tetra Pak best-practice lines with upgraded lines in a 2025 implementation context.

² The comprehensive, independently reviewed study compared 2019 Tetra Pak best-practice lines with upgraded lines in a 2025 implementation context. The study was aligned with leading frameworks, including the World Business Council for Sustainable Development’s Avoided Emissions Guidance and the European Green Digital Coalition’s Net Carbon Impact Methodology, and the energy-related greenhouse gas emissions savings were reviewed by the Carbon Trust.

³ Processing and filling lines for pasteurized milk, fermented yoghurt, indirect UHT milk and direct UHT milk.

⁴ <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37747649/>

⁵ Comparisons are versus Tetra Pak’s 2019 best-practice lines and are not intended as a wider industry benchmark. Results are based on modelled best-practice scenarios and will vary by geography and specific site implementation, especially when implemented across thousands of lines.

⁶ Compared to 2019 best-practice lines. Figures are potential savings based on modelled global roll-out in 2025. These are conservative estimates as they include solution emissions and do not yet convert water or product-loss savings into avoided emissions. Based on the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator: <https://www.epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gas-equivalencies-calculator>

⁷ <https://www.tetrapak.com/en-gb/solutions/integrated-solutions-equipment/processing-equipment/heat-pumps/integrated-heat-pump-system>

⁸ <https://www.tetrapak.com/en-gb/insights/cases-articles/onestep-technology-provides-production-flexibility>

⁹ <https://www.tetrapak.com/en-gb/solutions/integrated-solutions-equipment/processing-equipment/membrane-filtration>

Boxboard/Cartonboard Europe Key Attributes

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0098	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Mar 2026	950 - 1190	0 (0.00%)	Mar 2026	950 - 1190
FP-CBB-0100	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g free delivered Germany €/tonne	01 Mar 2026	950 - 1180	0 (0.00%)	Mar 2026	950 - 1180
FP-CBB-0099	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Mar 2026	670 - 710	0 (0.00%)	Mar 2026	670 - 710
FP-CBB-0101	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Germany, €/tonne	01 Mar 2026	650 - 705	0 (0.00%)	Mar 2026	650 - 705

Boxboard/Cartonboard Germany Markets

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Boxboard/Cartonboard Spain Markets

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FP-CBB-0104	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered Spain, €/tonne	01 Mar 2026	940 - 1190	0 (0.00%)	Mar 2026	940 - 1190
FP-CBB-0105	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Spain, €/tonne	01 Mar 2026	665 - 690	0 (0.00%)	Mar 2026	665 - 690

Boxboard/Cartonboard France Markets

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Boxboard/Cartonboard Italy Markets

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FP-CBB-0102	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 Mar 2026	950 - 1190	0 (0.00%)	Mar 2026	950 - 1190
FP-CBB-0103	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 Mar 2026	650 - 700	0 (0.00%)	Mar 2026	650 - 700

Boxboard/Cartonboard UK Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0094	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered United Kingdom, £/tonne	01 Apr 2026	960 - 1145	0 (0.00%)	Apr 2026	960 - 1145
FP-CBB-0095	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 Apr 2026	1102 - 1314	3.5 (0.29%)	Apr 2026	1102 - 1314
FP-CBB-0096	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, £/tonne	01 Apr 2026	685 - 735	0 (0.00%)	Apr 2026	685 - 735
FP-CBB-0097	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 Apr 2026	786 - 844	2.5 (0.31%)	Apr 2026	786 - 844