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Latest Statistics on Biofuels supply

The Department published the [latest statistics](#) on 1 November. In the first quarter of Year 5 of the RTFO (14 April 2012 to 15 July 2012):

- 321 million litres of renewable fuel have been supplied, which is 2.9% of total road transport fuel reported to the RTFO Administrator against an annual obligation of 4.5%.
- More bioethanol (60%) has been supplied than biodiesel (36%).
- 154 million RTFCs have been issued of which 69 million were for double counting feedstocks.

New Voluntary Scheme Recognised

The European Commission has [formally recognised](#) a RED version of the Round Table for Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO-RED). This scheme can be used in the RTFO from 13 December.

EU ILUC proposal

The European Commission has adopted a [proposal](#) on indirect land use change (ILUC). The proposal would introduce measures to:

- cap at 5% the amount of food crop derived biofuel which can contribute to the 10% RED transport target
- quadruple count the contribution of certain advanced and other non-crop biofuels to the RED target
- require a minimum greenhouse gas saving for new installations of 60% from July 2014 in the FQD
- require reporting on 'ILUC factors' to be reported, which applies to both directives

The proposal also sets out an aspiration to end subsidies on biofuels produced from crops used for food and feed from 2020.

The Department is currently developing its response to the proposal. To help inform this, the Low Carbon Fuels Team convened a meeting with its ILUC Expert Working Group of representatives from industry, NGOs and

academia on Friday 16 November to discuss the proposals and its implications. A subsequent meeting will be held early in the New Year.

NUTS2 report updates are progressing

The NUTS2 report contains data on regional GHG emissions from cultivation of biofuel feedstocks. Work has been progressing to update the report with the latest data and improve the GHG calculation methodology where appropriate. The NUTS2 Expert Steering Group met on 5 October to discuss and agree these updates and will be meeting again on 28 November to discuss the final report and results before submission to the European Commission. Presentations from all of the NUTS2 meetings/workshops are available on the [Department's website](#).

November Stakeholder workshop

The Low Carbon Fuels Team held a workshop on 7 November covering the latest developments on policy and legislation.

There was also a session for suppliers and verifiers which focussed on lessons learnt from the first period of the RTFO following the implementation of the mandatory sustainability criteria. An outline of the annual consultation on guidance for suppliers and verifiers for Year 6 of the RTFO was also presented. This included proposals for suppliers to make available to the administrator evidence demonstrating a full chain of custody all the way down the fuel supply chain to the point of origin for any given application when requested to do so. Presentations from both sessions are available on the [Department's website](#).

