



ACEA – EUROPIA JOINT COMMUNICATION

Biofuels towards 2020

Brussels, 18th June 2010

Dear Madam,
Dear Sir,

In the context of the European Legislation for the use of renewable energy sources, the European Petroleum Industry Association, EUROPIA, and the European Automobile Manufacturers Association, ACEA, have developed a common position on the implementation guidelines of the Directive in order to ensure the achievement of the defined targets and reduce effectively transport GHG emissions.

1. EUROPIA and ACEA are ready to play their part in helping to achieve the targets set in European legislation for the use of renewable energy sources in order to help reduce transport GHG emissions. This assumes sufficient and cost-effective availability of sustainable biofeedstocks and production capacity of biofuels which provide appropriate GHG reductions.
2. For the Directive on the promotion of the use of renewable energy sources to be a success with regards to road transport, ACEA and EUROPIA are of the opinion that a coordinated approach is necessary between the member states regarding EU-wide harmonised timetables for the introduction of new mass market fuels and specification changes regarding bio-content.
3. CEN (European Committee for Standardisation) should be used to work out the appropriate specification changes and any new mass market fuel must be covered by robust CEN quality standards developed and applied equally across the EU27 to ensure that such fuels are 'fit for purpose' without environmental or vehicle-operational consequences.

4. Implementation timetables must give the fuel supply industries sufficient lead-time to develop appropriate fuels, invest in the fuel production, fuels supply chain and infrastructure and the auto-industry sufficient lead-time to develop and invest in compatible new vehicles.
5. The member states must avoid creating multiple fuel specifications in different countries that would ultimately confuse the consumer and lead to consumer distrust of the biofuels introduction. This would hinder member states from meeting their obligations for renewable energy use.
6. For the time being, ACEA and EUROPIA request that the EU and the member states establish progressive and harmonised renewable energy mandates for road transport which recognizes the limits of biofuel blending and potential set by the Fuel Quality Directive and CEN market fuel specifications available now and in the future (i.e. E5, E10, B7) as well as the vehicle fleet compatibility.
7. Transport sectors other than road are also part of the 'renewable energy in transport' options but there are feedstock limitations for production of diesel/distillate substitutes that already impact road transport. While the contribution from these other sectors to the 10% renewable target may be low, that should not prevent them from positively contributing to the aspirations of the European legislation.

EUROPIA and ACEA are committed to play their part in meeting the objectives of the Directive and firmly believe these can be met under the conditions described above.

Yours Sincerely,



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