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FuelEU Maritime Regulation deal will drive increasing volumes of waste-based and advanced biodiesel to decarbonize EU shipping

The EWABA association, representing 40+ stakeholders from the EU waste-based and advanced biodiesel industry, strongly welcomes last night's political deal reached by the FuelEU maritime negotiators.

The preliminary deal on the regulation paves the way for the EU to become a global leader in maritime transport decarbonization by significantly reducing emissions in the shipping sector.

EWABA members already supply the maritime sector with significant volumes of renewable waste-based and advanced biodiesel that achieves +90% GHG emissions compared to conventional fossil fuels.

“Our industry stands ready to significantly increase deliveries to the shipping sector to achieve the new ambitious EU maritime decarbonization objectives”, EWABA Secretary General Angel Alvarez Alberdi said.

According to the text agreed last night, waste-based biofuels produced from Annex IX Part B feedstocks are essential for the sector's fuel mix. Waste-based and advanced biodiesel maintains several qualities that make it vital for shipping: i) compatibility with existing engines, ii) highest GHG savings on record under the RED II Annex V, iii) cost-efficiency and iv) very high energy density, one of the highest of all fuels that will support the future of a cleaner maritime industry.

In addition to producing biodiesel, our industry collects and supplies much needed waste feedstocks to produce waste-derived biodiesel for ships. The FuelEU Regulation is promoting renewable liquid fuels and recognizing their important role in decarbonizing the existing and future fleet.

About EWABA

EWABA is a Brussels-based association representing the interests of the European waste-based and advanced biofuels industry before EU institutions, national governments, industry, civil society and the media. We promote the inclusion of waste-based and advanced biofuels in the EU fuel mix as a sustainable means of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in EU transport. Our 40+ members active in most EU Member States collect and use waste and advanced feedstocks listed in parts A and B of Annex IX of the Renewable Energy Directive (REDII) to produce sustainable biodiesel with the highest GHG savings (up to +90%) when compared with fossil fuels, thus enabling “near-term decarbonization” of the EU road and maritime transport sectors. www.ewaba.eu