

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **EWABA welcomes inclusion of new feedstocks for biofuels production but rejects extra incentives for aviation to the detriment of maritime and road sectors**

The EWABA association, representing 55+ stakeholders from the EU waste-based and advanced biodiesel supply chain, welcomes the long-awaited inclusion of additional feedstocks in Annex IX of the Renewable Energy Directive (RED). This feedstock expansion will generally broaden the availability of waste-based and advanced biofuels for all transport modes and alleviate part of the pressure on some feedstocks used to produce waste-based biofuels, which have been subject to a high degree of focus.

**EWABA members would like to highlight that the introduction of intermediate/cover crops for the supply of fuels exclusively for the aviation industry in part A of Annex IX will have negative consequences as it interferes with the level-playing field across sectors and challenges the principle of technology neutrality, a crucial pillar for investment certainty. We believe that the extra incentive for intermediate/cover crops will direct them towards the aviation industry to the detriment of their use in other hard to decarbonize sectors, such as heavy-duty road and especially the maritime sector.**

Given the extremely significant potential availability of the new feedstocks populating the Annex IX<sup>1</sup> our association expects the European Commission to issue without delay a separate delegated act eliminating the Annex IX Part B limitation, which goes against the feedstock expansion proposed under the revised list.

*“Broadening the feedstock base for biofuels production is in itself positive news. The revision will hopefully reduce the pressure felt by the whole industry by the significant demand of waste-derived feedstocks. The last-minute addition of intermediate/cover crops only for aviation in part A is very surprising and has strongly unsettled many of our members who see a clear discrimination against other transport sectors”* EWABA Secretary General Angel Alvarez Alberdi said.

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#### **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 55+ 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. <https://www.ewaba.eu/>

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<sup>1</sup> The combined potential volumes of the new proposed feedstocks for part B are well over 100 million tons in 2030, whereas the 1.7% limit represents only +6 million tons. See European Commission, Directorate-General for Energy, Haye, S., Panchaksharam, Y., Raphael, E. et al., Assessment of the potential for new feedstocks for the production of advanced biofuels – Final report, Publications Office of the European Union, 2022, <https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2833/719121>