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PRESS RELEASE

Renewable fuels like biofuels and efuels should play a role in CO2 standards for trucks – EWABA welcomes that several member states including Germany are not ready to support the compromise agreement

The EWABA association, representing 55+ stakeholders from the EU waste-based and advanced biodiesel supply chain, considers the role of renewable liquid fuels as essential for the future of heavy road transport under the revised CO2 Emission Standards for Heavy Duty Vehicles legislative file.

This week it became apparent that several Member States including Germany are considering not to support the deal struck during the first trilogue on 18 January, with a likely blocking minority for the file. A fair number of Member States support the important role of renewable fuels, citing the latest statistics published by Eurostat showing that even in 2022 most Member States still did not fulfil the 10% transport target and will be struggling to meet the ambitious future targets 14,5% emission savings or 29% share of renewable energy even more.

Heavy-duty transport is a hard to decarbonise sector and will need significantly more time, effort and investments to reach large-scale electrification or the deployment of novel fuels such as hydrogen, in significant volumes.

“A combination of technologies will be needed to efficiently decarbonise the transport sector, and especially road HDVs. Sustainable biodiesel is the best available and cheapest fuel solution not requiring any notable infrastructure investments. It should therefore be encouraged for further use in higher blends to decarbonise the heavy-duty road sector,” EWABA Secretary General Angel Alvarez Alberdi said.

This is a crucial moment for the EU transport sector to move forward embracing technology neutrality and utilise the most efficient and sustainable fuels to cut emissions today.

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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/>