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PRESS RELEASE

EWABA welcomes the broadening of the sustainable feedstock base in today's Council General Approach on the ReFuelEU aviation proposal

The EWABA association, representing the EU waste-based and advanced biodiesel industry, strongly welcomes the broadening of the feedstock base included in the ReFuelEU general approach agreed today by EU Member States' Transport Ministers.

We are confident that this modification to the Commission proposal will ensure that the aviation sector is decarbonized as efficiently as possible, while no feedstock that is sustainable and available is left behind. This is a step in the right direction as it makes the proposed blending targets as ambitious as they are realistic.

However, broadening of the feedstock base is not enough to ensure that key waste lipid feedstocks are used in the most efficient way in the maritime and road/heavy duty sectors. We believe that a hard limitation placed on aviation fuels deriving from Part B Annex IX feedstocks coupled with a bold promotion through sub-mandates of developing SAF pathways with scalable feedstocks (e-fuels, Alcohol-to-Jet, Fischer-Tropsch, etc.) would ensure that the best GHG reduction performance possible is reached, limiting unintended consequences across the whole EU transport sector.

The possibility for Member States to set higher SAF mandates should be further refined so as to ensure that increases are met with technologies using scalable feedstocks.

These important matters should now be addressed by the European Parliament in the formation of its first reading position and in subsequent trilogue negotiations between the EU law-making institutions.

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 +35 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