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EUROPEAN BIODIESEL QUALITY REPORT (EBBQR)

BASIS PRINCIPLES AND IMPLEMENTING MEASURES

Having regard to:

the need to secure that a high quality biodiesel fuel is produced and made available in the market by EBB Member companies, specifically in the perspective of increasing from 5% to 10% the maximum FAME content in EN590,

the importance to monitor quality level attained using various kind of raw materials or blends of them ensuring that European quality standard and requirements are fulfilled,

the necessity to gather and publish statistical data and reliable information about biodiesel quality from EBB members,

the importance of assessing the overall European Biodiesel industry quality performances with respect to standardised quality requirements

the need to establish a clear and effective system providing reliable information and warranties about the quality of biodiesel marketed in Europe, serving as a reference for the other market players in the fuel sector and for public authorities,

the Members of the EBB hereby establish the basis principles of an EBB European Biodiesel Quality Report (EBBQR)

1. Creation of an EBB European Biodiesel Quality Report

The European Biodiesel Board and its Member Companies hereby create an European Biodiesel Quality Report (EBBQR).

This quality scheme is based on the basis principles detailed below.

EBB Membership implies automatic acceptance and participation to the EBB Biodiesel Quality Report in all its provisions as detailed below.

2. Basic Principles

The EBB Quality Report is based on:

- a) a bi-annual sampling in all the operational production sites of EBB member companies. One sampling will be operated at the beginning of the winter and one sampling at the beginning of the summer. They will be both operated and sent to the selected laboratory by EBB member companies. There will be no unexpected sampling but full co-operation with companies, however EBB Member Companies are bound to gather the sample(s) from their normal production process and send it(them) within the specified deadline to the selected laboratory
- b) member companies will be gathering and sending one sample per operating plant (i.e. one analysis per every operational production unit for those companies owning more than one production site),
- c) every company will receive from the laboratory 3 metal containers sent with label and seals for anonymity. The sending bag will have all the instruction to send back the samples,
- d) all the analyses of the samples will be performed by the same independent laboratory¹,
- e) all of the EN14214 parameters will be tested,
- f) in principle there should be no additive in the sample (except for oxidising stabiliser which will be admitted – but should be declared), unless the addition of the additive cannot be avoided in the normal production process (the priority is given to the gathering of samples from the usual plant production),
- g) laboratory results should only be made accessible to the concerned company and to the EBB Secretariat which is bound to secret – only general and anonymous results (and NOT per company results) will be circulated externally and also internally (in other words only the secretariat and company X would be informed about the outcome of analyses for company X). This is to ensure maximum confidentiality and to contribute effectively to quality improvements,
- h) EBB will publish a bi-annual EBB Biodiesel Quality Report as a public description of the quality of European biodiesel, including general statistics about the analytical results, a special section of the EBB web-site will be opened to this purpose.

3. Guaranteeing on-time sampling and efficiency of the system

The following measures have been fixed in order to ensure that all the samples are sent by the companies to the laboratories on time and the system runs efficiently:

- a) a deadline for sending the sample(s) to the laboratory is set by EBB and notified 30 days before, with subsequent reminders
- b) if no sample will have been received by the laboratory at the fixed deadline EBB will send a registered letter to company that shall react within 5 days
- c) if still no sample is sent (applying as from the second quality report to which the company is participating), the company:
 - i. will not be included in the Quality Report
 - ii. the Report will be published with a clear indication about those EBB Member Companies which failed to send the sample(s)

¹ the German laboratory ASG has been selected sofar (2006-2007 period) by the EBB Executive Board upon indication of the EBB TWG)

- iii. the company file is referred to the EBB Board
 - iv. in case of repeated delays with no participation and of repeated substantial quality problems the infringement file of a company may be transmitted to the Board for discussion, and for possible exclusion from EBB
- d) EBB Quality Report shall be published at the latest within 15 days after the first TWG meeting following the date in which the laboratory has sent the tests' results to the EBB Secretariat

4. Budgetary implications

- The cost of the sampling and of the analyses will be beared by single companies which will be invoiced by EBB beyond regular EBB membership fees² – the laboratory will invoice EBB
- except for some postal charges and logistic fees for which companies will be invoiced directly by the laboratory, EBB will invoice its members on the basis of the global invoice coming from the laboratory (with a fix per plant and per sample cost). Such invoicing will be done at the beginning of the budgetary year together with the invoicing of the yearly EBB contribution fees, but as a separate line. For production units which may come into production during the year, the invoice will be sent as soon as actual large scale production will start in the new plant
- member companies are bound to notify to EBB within maximum 30 days from its start, the date in which a new production site has started large scale operations

5. Provisional measures

EBB Member Companies shall notify by next December 15th, 2006 at the very latest the full list of their operational sites (all their production units); They shall also notify the exact address to all their production sites and a contact person therein to whom the metal containers for the sampling shall be sent.

By the same date each EBB Member Company has also to nominate one contact person per company (may be the same or a different one from the contact in the production unit) which will be the main company interlocutor and will be deemed as responsible for sending the sample(s).

² the approximate cost detailed for the first sampling and analysis of 2006-07 will be of around 500€ per production unit and per sample