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Further to our letter BRE-MIL 09/035 of 23 July 2009 with the 2008 report under Article 4(1) of Directive 2003/30/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 May 2003 on the promotion of the use of biofuels or other renewable fuels for transport, please find enclosed the Dutch Government's correction to the 2008 report.

Some of the parties covered by the obligation sent in details of their biofuel accounts after our report under Directive 2003/30/EC had been submitted. As a result of the reports submitted by these undertakings, the total quantities of petrol and diesel are higher than was previously assumed. However, the quantities of biofuels are also higher, and therefore the percentage of biofuels supplied on the Dutch market in 2008 was 3.26%. This means that the percentage reported to the Commission by the Netherlands in July 2009 remains unchanged.

We trust this information is of help to you.

On behalf of the Permanent Representative,

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**CORRECTION TO THE
Report for 2008
under Article 4(1) of Directive 2003/30/EC
on the promotion of the use of biofuels or other renewable fuels for transport**

Introduction

This report corrects the figures given in the 2008 report submitted under Article 4(1) of Directive 2003/30/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 May 2003 on the promotion of the use of biofuels or other renewable fuels for transport.

The report on 2008 of 25 July 2009 (Ref. No BRE-JIZ 09/035) was based on the individual reports received up to then. At that time a number of reports were still missing. As a result, the quantities reported to the European Commission were incomplete and incorrect. This correction provides the Commission with the correct figures.

For 2008 the target percentage for biofuels is 3.25% of energy turnover.

3. The total sales of transport fuel and the share of biofuels, pure or blended, and other renewable fuels placed on the market for the preceding year

On the basis of the individual reports from AGP licence holders, the quantities of petrol, diesel and biofuels for 2008 were as follows:

Petrol: 5 677 million litres
Diesel: 8 106 million litres

Bioethanol: 171.5 million litres
Bio-ETBE: 132.1 million litres
Biodiesel: 300.2 million litres

Expressed in tonnes of oil equivalent (toe, see Annex 1), the quantities of unleaded light oil (petrol) and gas oil (diesel) supplied for road transport purposes were as follows:

Quantity in million litres of fuel x conversion factor x 1 000 m³ per million litres =

Petrol: 5 677 x 0.78 x 1000 = 4 428 380 toe
Diesel: 8 106 x 0.86 x 1000 = 6 970 977 toe

Total: 11 399 357 toe

The quantities of biofuels reported by the oil companies and oil traders expressed in tonnes of oil equivalent are as follows:

Quantity in million litres of fuel x conversion factor x 1 000 m³ per million litres =

Bioethanol: 171.5 x 0.51 x 1 000 = 87 446 toe
Bio-ETBE: 132.1 x 0.64 x 1 000 = 84 529 toe

Biodiesel: $300.2 \times 0.80 \times 1\ 000 = 240\ 139$ toe

Total: 412.115 toe

The calorific values of petrol and diesel depend on the quantities of biofuels admixed to them. This has to be corrected in accordance with Article 2 of the Decree on biofuels in road traffic 2007.

For petrol we assume 3.25% by energy of ETBE and for diesel 3.25% by energy of biodiesel. The annex shows the percentages by volume for these biofuels and the calculation of the calorific values of petrol and diesel.

Calculated on the basis of the energy content of the total quantities of petrol and diesel on the Dutch market, the share of biofuels and other renewable fuels (as defined in Article 3 of Directive 2003/30/EC) was as follows:

The share of biofuels on the market compared to the amount of petrol and diesel:

Energy content of biofuels / energy content of petrol and diesel =

$$\frac{((171.5 \times 21.3 \times 100\% + 132.1 \times 26.9 \times 47\% + 300.2 \times 33.6 \times 100\%) \times 1\ 000\ 000)}{((5\ 677 \times 32.04 + 8\ 106 \times 35.82) \times 1\ 000\ 000)} = \mathbf{3.26\%}$$

This meets the target. The previous report on 2008 also gives a percentage of 3.26%.