

Biofuels debate - Only 2% of palm oil is used for biofuel 12 May 08

Facing the critics coming in thick and fast on the use of biofuels, the Secretary General of EBB (European Biodiesel Board) Raffaello Garofalo, pinpointed some neglected aspects of the current situation. EBB, said Garofalo, is ready to take up the challenge represented by the sustainability criteria recently proposed by the European Commission, although considering them extremely strict. He furthermore pinpointed that palm oil imports, regarded as one of the less sustainable feedstocks, increased from two million tons to five and a half from 2002 to 2005. Such increase, though, regarded mainly the growing demand of the food industry, while only 2% of palm oil was used to produce biofuels. He also reminded that the use of biofuels reduces CO₂ emissions from 50% to 95% and that green fuels are 100% biodegradable.

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