



10 April 2014

Next stakeholder workshop

The date for our next stakeholder workshop is now confirmed as 14 May 2014, from 10am – 1pm. In addition to providing feedback on the government consultations on the RTFO post-implementation review and call for evidence on advanced biofuels, we'll be welcoming guest speaker Thorsten Wege from the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment. Thorsten is currently head of the unit which co-ordinates national biofuels policy and leads on work to reduce GHG emissions from vehicles. He'll be presenting the latest on Dutch biofuels policy, including supply statistics and their approach to double counting and verification.



The draft agenda can be found on the [Department's website](#).

If you wish to attend and haven't already registered your interest, please email:

biofuel-sustainability@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Advanced biofuels competition – update

We expect to announce further details of the competition, including the eligibility criteria, in early summer. We're anticipating the competition will be a two phase application consisting of a first call for expressions of interest (1-2 months), and a second stage in which applicants will be expected to submit more detailed proposals by the end of the year.

We expect to announce the winners in spring 2015, with funding being awarded over the next three years.

If you would like further details of the competition please email: Biofuels.Transport@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Low Carbon Fuels staff changes

Stakeholders may wish to note that Aaron Berry, currently Head of Sustainability and Verification in the RTFO unit, will be moving to lead on Biofuels Strategy from the end of April. He will replace Sarah Sheridan, who, in-turn will be

moving to Brussels on secondment to the Commission in DG Climate Action, covering negotiations on the FQD and ILUC amongst other things.

Guidance for year 7 of the RTFO - published

Guidance for year 7 (15 April 2014-14 April 2015) is now available on the Department's [website](#). These changes are all minor in nature and include technical changes, updates or items we have communicated to our stakeholders throughout the year. Additions to the guidance include:

- How to report denatured fuel;
- Our approach to serious wrongdoing;
- How to apply for RTFCs for fuel that has had RTFCs revoked;
- Reporting biofuel that meets a voluntary scheme.

For ease of reference and in response to your feedback, there is an annex at the end of each of the three parts of the guidance listing the changes.

Stakeholders may also wish to note that they should now be using the latest version of the [Carbon Calculator](#) which has also been updated.

Annual stakeholder survey 2014

Our annual stakeholder satisfaction survey is now available on line at the link below and we would be very grateful if you could take a couple minutes to complete the very short [survey](#). Suppliers may wish to note that you may have already completed an extended version of this survey.

The closing date for responses is 30th April 2014.

Michael's blog

Interested in "driverless cars" or "autonomous vehicles" and how the future of transport might look? Then read our Director's latest blog at the link below and let us know if you wish to be involved.

[Michael's latest blog](#)