



Department
for Transport

Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation statistics: Legislative Amendments

Introduction

From April 2018 the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation (RTFO) Order is further amended to implement elements of Directive 2015/1513¹ (known as the 'Indirect Land Use Change (ILUC) Directive'), which amends the Renewable Energy Directive (RED). For further information about the context and the changes listed below, see the following links:

- [Government response to consultations on amendments](#)
- [Year 11 guidance](#)

As a result, the Department will be making changes to the reports and tables to reflect these amendments. This document sets out the changes that will be implemented to reports and tables from Period 11 onwards.

Changes to Reports and Tables

The statistical reports for Year 11 onwards have been updated to reflect these changes to the Order. Key changes to both the tables and reports are listed below:

- Updated greenhouse gas (GHG) savings thresholds for renewable fuels: the minimum requirement for GHG savings is now 50% for renewable fuels. Therefore the category "Equal to or more than 35%, but less than 50%" has been removed.
- A requirement for Member States to report on ILUC values for land-based (crop) biofuels: this features in table RTFO 05 as additional data.
- Introduction of definitions for wastes and residues: these are shown as new Renewable Transport Fuel Certificate (RTFC) categories – Development fuel, General and Relevant crop (see below table for further information). Features in tables RTFO 02, 04 and 05.

These changes feed through to the reports in several places. Figure 2 in reports 4 onwards will change (originally showing RTFCs issued by GHG savings category). Further explanations of the categories can be found in reports 4 and onwards. In the Country of Origin section, there will now be a chart showing the top 5 countries' supply of biofuel feedstocks to the UK by the RTFC categories.

1. Directive (EU) 2015/1513 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 amending Directive 98/70/EC relating to the quality of petrol and diesel fuels and amending Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources ([consolidated version of the RED](#)).

Type of feedstock and / or fuel	Subject to crop cap?	Can be used for development fuel sub target?	RTFC category
Crop	Yes	No	Relevant crop
Dedicated energy crop	No	No	General
1x counting wastes and residues	No	No	General
2x counting wastes and residues, not development fuel type	No	No	General
2x counting wastes and residues, are a development fuel type	No	Yes	Development fuel
RFNBO ² , not development fuel type	No	No	General
RFNBO ² , of a development fuel type	No	Yes	Development fuel

- There is a limit on the amount that crop-derived biofuels can contribute towards renewable transport targets: this will mainly feature in the annual reports for each year. This is to reflect the crop cap, which has been introduced for Year 11 of the RTFO (from 15 April 2018).
- There is a target for a specific sub-set of advanced fuels termed 'development fuels' which will be introduced in Year 12 of the RTFO (from 1 January 2019). Development fuels supplied during Year 11 will be rewarded with development fuel RTFCs, which can be carried over into Year 12.

For other changes regarding the presentation of the tables and reports, see our [response to the user feedback survey](#).

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