
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations Order 2007.

The main amendments are as follows.

Article 3 amends the definition of relevant hydrocarbon oil to include hydrocarbon oil (other than renewable diesel produced wholly from biomass) when it is blended with biodiesel or bioethanol. Relevant hydrocarbon oil is taken into account for the purposes of imposing the renewable transport fuel obligation and of calculating the amount of renewable transport fuel to be supplied under the obligation.

Article 4 changes the level of the renewable transport fuel obligation by slowing the rate of increase (from 2.5% to 5% of total fuel supplied) in the amount of renewable transport fuel for which evidence of supply in the United Kingdom, in the form of RTF certificates, is required.

Article 5 adds biobutanol, and renewable diesel produced wholly from biomass, to the list of renewable transport fuels eligible for RTF certificates; it also deletes one description of fuel from that list as a consequence of changes to the duty provisions in the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979.

An Impact Assessment has been prepared and copies can be obtained from the Department for Transport, Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR. A copy has been placed in the Library of each House of Parliament. A copy may also be accessed on the OPSI website www.opsi.gov.uk.