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AVERE Welcomes the European Commission’s Decision to Label Palm Oil in Diesel as Unsustainable

With the EU attempting to clean up both the energy and transport sectors with a variety of legislations aimed at increasing renewables penetration, while simultaneously cutting Co2 emissions, this final decision should help cut down the amount of palm oil used in the production of biofuels in Europe.

The [delegated act](#) specifically excludes crops which over the past 10 years have expanded by more than 10 percent into forests and other “high-carbon land.” One of the major exceptions will still allow palm oil that comes from farmers who own less than 2 hectares of land. The justification behind this choice was to exclude “potential abuses from corporations controlling a number of small producers.”

Philippe Vangeel, Secretary General of AVERE, commented “We welcome the decision taken by the European Commission today as a major step forward to ensuring that the future of transport in Europe is sustainable”.

Given that close to [four million tons](#) of palm oil is currently used to make ‘green’ fuel in the EU, this decision will go a long way to support the cleaning up of crop-based fuels sector, specifically bio-diesel – the consumption of which has only increased in recent years to 12,654 Ktoe (Kilotonne of Oil Equivalent) in [2017](#).

Next Steps

The Council and the EU Parliament have two months to agree to the final decision, with a vote in the environment committee of the European Parliament scheduled for 21 March, 2019.

About AVERE: AVERE, the European Association for Electromobility, founded in 1978 is made up of Vehicle and Equipment Manufacturers, EV Users, NGO’s, Associations, Interest groups, Research & Development entities, and other relevant Companies. AVERE’s electromobility vision for Europe contains a strong electromobility industry, clean, quiet and healthy cities, energy efficient transport and independence of fossil fuels.

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