

EU industry calls for pragmatic regulatory framework necessary for hydrogen market

Joint statement from 18 European industry associations impacted by the forthcoming Delegated Acts of REDII.

Berlin/Brussels, July 15, 2022: With a joint letter, a coalition of 18 associations, representing the vast majority of European industries which will be impacted by the forthcoming Delegated Acts of Article 27 and 28 of REDII, addresses the European Commission. In order to achieve climate neutrality targets, defossilisation of their sectors is necessary. This requires the large-scale availability of renewable fuels of non-biological origin (RFNBO), supplied cost-competitively and securely across Europe.

"The eFuel Alliance, as one of the signatories of this letter, welcomes the European Commission's engagement on renewable fuels such as hydrogen and eFuels. For the market ramp up of hydrogen and hydrogen-based products such as synthetic fuels, a pragmatic framework is needed. The drafts for the Delegated Acts for the REDII are a step in the right direction, but there is still a clear need for improvement in order to reach the targets in all sectors," says Ralf Diemer, Managing Director of the eFuel Alliance.

The signatories welcome the publication of the drafts for the Delegated Acts for the REDII on Article 27.3 and Article 28.5 as an important part of climate legislation. They support the objective of establishing a secure legal framework for investments through the REDII Delegated Acts, in order to avoid double counting of renewable electricity or emitted greenhouse gases through appropriate certification mechanisms and to set viable sustainability criteria. Especially in view of the ambitious EU targets proposed in the REPowerEU plan, the European Hydrogen Strategy, and the legislative proposals in the Fit for 55 package, clear and pragmatic frameworks are more than ever crucial to enable a swift market ramp-up of RFNBOs and thus aid all European sectors on their way to climate neutrality.

"In the light of the recent vote of the lead committee ITRE on the revision of the Renewable Energy Directive II, which opened up the possibility of maintaining the Delegated Act on Art. 27.3 also in the upcoming revised Directive, it is more important than ever that these Delegated Acts provide the right pragmatic, long-term viable conditions for RFNBO production," underlined Ralf Diemer.

With this letter, the signatories want to draw attention to several points in the draft for the delegated acts, which require improvement. If an undue administrative burden and the risk of restricting the production and import of RFNBOs are to be avoided, several amendments to the current drafts are necessary.

The signatories therefore recommend the European Commission to be more pragmatic about the restrictive requirements on the temporal and geographical correlation between renewable energy generation and renewable fuel production. They also call for an extension of the transition period in which the planned coupling of RFNBO production to newly installed renewable energy sources is

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suspended, as well as a grandfathering, so that pioneers can benefit from more favorable framework conditions and a rapid market ramp-up of RFNBO is triggered. In addition, the signing associations recommend an expansion of the usable CO₂ sources, both in terms of industrial CO₂ sources and CO₂ sources limited by emissions trading. Associations also call for more flexibility when replacing electricity consumed in production.

Please find [here](#) the joint letter with the explicit recommendations including more detailed explanations and the list of signatories. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

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The eFuel Alliance is an interest group working for the political and social acceptance of eFuels and for their approval. We represent more than 180 companies, associations, and consumer organizations along the eFuel production value chain. We stand for fair competition and a level playing field for all relevant emission reduction solutions. We are clearly committed to greater climate protection and want to see the significant contribution of eFuels to sustainability and climate protection more widely recognized. Our goal is to enable the industrial production and widespread use of CO₂-neutral fuels from renewable energy sources.

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