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More than 200 industry and science stakeholders push for crediting of sustainable fuels for heavy-duty vehicles

Berlin/Brüssel, 06. February 2023: In a [joint letter](#), almost 120 signatories from the industry and more than 90 scientists have addressed political decision-makers in the European Union. The background is the upcoming publication of the CO2 emission standard for heavy-duty vehicles. In a leaked first draft, the EU Commission does not include renewable, sustainable fuels. In a public survey of the EU Commission, 66% of all stakeholders were in favour of taking renewable fuels into account.

Heavy goods transport is responsible for 27% of CO2 emissions from road transport in the EU and for 5% of total CO2 emissions in the EU - more than air and maritime transport combined. Since 1990, these emissions have increased by 25%. The defossilisation of heavy-duty vehicles, and in particular long-haul trucks, is a high priority for achieving the sector's transport targets. Nevertheless, the EU Commission apparently continues to reject the inclusion of renewable fuels. The signatories fear that the competitiveness of the European logistics sector will suffer significantly if the industry loses its opportunities to act.

"There is no doubt that manufacturers, suppliers and other players will decisively promote the electrification of heavy goods transport. At the same time, it is important to accompany carriers and logistics companies on the path to electrification with practical solutions. In order to ensure the resilience and flexibility of the industry, the players must be given the necessary freedom of action and decision-making in the choice of technology. The challenges of intra-European road freight transport, not to mention the still inadequately developed charging infrastructure and growing shortages of raw materials, do not allow a shift from liquid fuels in the short term. Simply ignoring the use of sustainable fuels and consequently an enormous CO2 reduction potential involves enormous risks and is considered wrong by the majority of the industry and many respected scientists," argues Ralf Diemer, Managing Director of the eFuel Alliance.

The official draft for the CO2 emission standard for heavy-duty vehicles is expected on 14 February this year.

>>>The eFuel Alliance e.V.<<<

The eFuel Alliance is an interest group committed to promoting political and social acceptance of eFuels and to securing their regulatory approval. We represent more than 170 companies, associations and consumer organizations along the eFuel production value chain. We stand for fair competition and equal competitive condition for all relevant emission reduction solutions. We are firmly committed to further climate change mitigation and seek recognition for the significant part eFuels can play in sustainability and climate protection. Our aim is to create the conditions for the industrial production and widespread use of CO2-neutral fuels from renewable sources of energy.

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