



Irish Petroleum Industry Association

Biofuels

The State has prescribed that a certain volume of motor fuels (gasoline and motor diesel) be produced from renewable sources. This has risen over recent years and the percentage of biofuels required is now 8%. This high level of biofuels can pose the following difficulties: -

1. There is the practical risk of vehicle breakdowns and disruption caused by such fuels blocking engine filters in cold weather and other damage to engines caused by high ethanol blends. That is amongst the reasons why the UK have not gone down this road.
2. There is significant concern about security of supply of the required biofuel materials.
3. Consumers face additional costs.
4. There is a case for increasing the level of biofuels – but only when we have sufficient alternative sources of biofuels – those that will address the issues of quality and security of supply.

The oil industry has raised these concerns with the appropriate the Government Department dealing with energy matters – and also the National Oil Reserve Agency – since early 2015.

Should this percentage be raised, these difficulties would be exacerbated. Despite this, the State is considering raising this percentage even further.

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