

Foreign trade with biodiesel on the increase

Berlin, 4 October 2023. In the past six years, both German imports and exports of biodiesel increased steadily. The Netherlands was by far the most important trading partner, followed by Belgium and Poland.

German exports of biodiesel grew steadily in the past years with the exception of 2021. More specifically, exports rose from 1.61 million tonnes in 2017 to 2.72 million tonnes in 2022. This translates to an increase of around 69 per cent. The Netherlands remained the largest country of destination throughout the entire period. Exports to this neighbouring country almost doubled between 2017 and 2022.

Whereas in 2017 exports were at 583,289 tonnes, they amounted to just less than 1.2 million tonnes in the past calendar year. Belgium ranked second most important importer in the previous years, but with a much lower share. The country's exports also multiplied. Poland and Sweden followed in third and fourth place respectively.

On the other hand, German biodiesel imports also rose steadily with the exception of the year 2021. More specifically, imports doubled between 2017 and 2022 to around 1.54 million tonnes. Again, the Netherlands was the biggest trading partner with the Rotterdam port being Europe's primary hub for supplies. Germany received around 782,896 tonnes of biodiesel from the Netherlands in 2022. This compares to 300,959 tonnes in 2017. Belgium and Poland followed as second and third biggest suppliers of biodiesel to Germany.

The Union zur Förderung von Oel- und Proteinpflanzen e. V. (UFOP) considers global per capita supply of vegetable oils for the human diet, including processed products, to be sufficient. The association has predicted that – with fuel consumption tending to decline in the wake of increasing electrification of road traffic – the introduction of the cap on biofuels from cultivated biomass in the EU will not cause demand in the EU to rise further. In fact, global demand for the energy-related uses is defined outside the EU.

The UFOP has drawn attention to the Global Biofuel Alliance, which was recently founded on the initiative of the Indian government by the heads of government of the US, Brazil, Argentina and the United Arab Emirates, among other countries, on the edges of the G 20 summit. The UFOP regrets that Italy is the only EU member of this Alliance, not Germany or the EU Commission. The association holds that the EU is indeed the global leader in legal requirements for proof of sustainability and certification obligations. However, the UFOP expects that future global sustainability requirements in trade in goods will be defined by the Alliance.



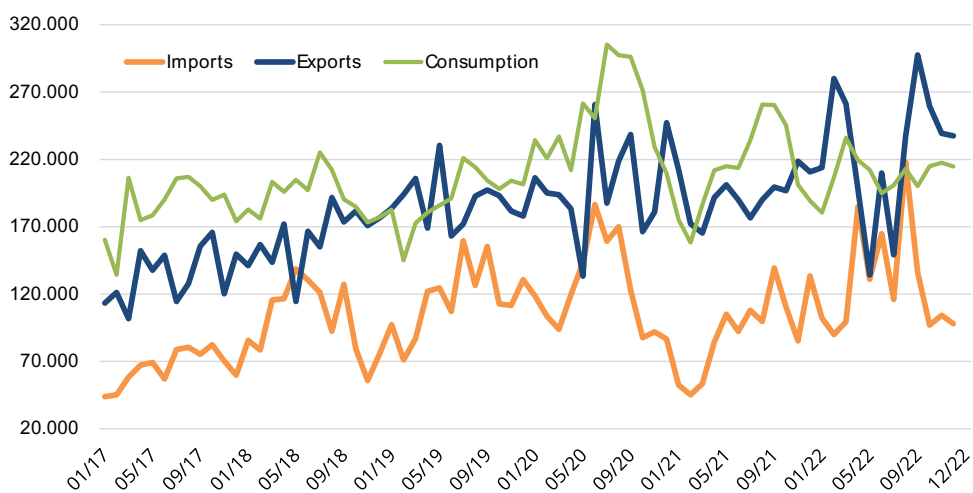
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