

Question for written answer E-007064/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: The basis for including tall oil in Annex IX to the ILUC Directive

Concerns have been raised during parliamentary debates on the so-called ILUC Directive, amending Directive 98/70/EC relating to the quality of petrol and diesel fuels and amending Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources.

In particular, the inclusion of tall oil (CTO / crude tall oil) in Annex IX to the aforementioned directive is problematic, as the Commission itself has found that it would lead to legal uncertainties as to the classification of tall oil as a co-product.

The purpose of Annex IX is to list all materials used for the production of advanced biofuels, and it classifies tall oil as residue.

In its initial proposal, the Commission chose not to include tall oil in Annex IX, including only tall oil pitch. Parliament did the same in the agreement it reached at first reading. However, in the text agreed in trilogue, tall oil is fully included in the aforementioned annex.

1. Will the Commission clarify its position on the matter?
2. Furthermore, on what technical foundations does it base its decision?