

**Question for written answer P-006693/2012
to the Commission**

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Subject: Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources - Directive 2009/28/EC

I would like to refer to Directive 2009/28/EC of 23 April 2009 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources and amending and subsequently repealing Directives 2009/77/EC and 2003/30/EC¹, and especially to Annexes III (Energy content of transport fuels) and V (Rules for calculating the greenhouse gas impact of biofuels, bioliquids and their fossil fuel comparators).

The list in Annex III includes 'hydrotreated vegetable oil (vegetable oil thermochemically treated with hydrogen)'. The list in Annex V includes:

- hydrotreated vegetable oil from rape seed,
- hydrotreated vegetable oil from sunflower,
- hydrotreated vegetable oil from palm oil (process not specified), and
- hydrotreated vegetable oil from palm oil (process with methane capture at oil mill).

I realise that the two annexes quoted above do not specify all biofuels and technologies. It is commonly known that technologies based on the co-processing of vegetable oils in the presence of hydrogen to produce paraffinic HVO (hydrotreated vegetable oil) containing no sulphur or aromatics are becoming more and more popular.

Can such co-processing be considered as one of the ways to fulfil the requirements of the directive?

I would be very grateful for your answer, which will enable those who have applied, or wish to apply, the co-hydrotreating process to comply with EU regulations.

¹ OJ L 140, 5.6.2009, p. 16.