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Dear Mr xxxx

Re UK Biodiesel / HVO Investigation

We understand that you are looking into the situation with biofuels in the UK and thought it would be a good idea to inform you of what is currently going on in the Fuel Industry.

Since November 2020, we have commenced trials on oil fired boilers with Hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) as a replacement renewable fuel for heating instead of fossil kerosene oil. I have copied the recent **fuel oil news article** which gives some background on this trial which is overseen by our trade associations "UK and Ireland Fuel Distributors Association" (UKIFDA) and OFTEC. They have expanded this trial to be National with an extensive major geographical trial to cover this coming winter.

We are pleased to report that the HVO fuel has performed extremely well and will provide the potential of a massive cut in **net greenhouse gas CO₂ of up to 90%**. This will be an excellent solution for consumers on oil fired heating that are unable to convert to electric air source heating which is one of the current plans being investigated by the Government's Energy department (BEIS).

The HVO is different from biodiesel and is produced from **certified waste fats and oils** and manufactured by a **synthesised process with Hydrogen** to create a greener, renewable fuel. We understand that the HVO is currently imported from Europe and believe in this coming year, and beyond, the demand for this fuel will greatly increase to aid the decarbonisation of Heating Homes, Transport, and potentially Agriculture.

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As we expect the demand of this renewable fuel to increase dramatically, we are **concerned over the supply of HVO** especially as this fuel is not made in the UK. We understand that other Oil companies outside the EU wish to import HVO into the UK but are restricted by the existing EU 2009 import tariff counter measure.

It is of great importance that any assistance to help further supplies of HVO to enter the UK is undertaken if the country wants to decarbonise and move away from fossil fuels which we understand is high on the Government`s Agenda.

Please do contact us If we can assist you with any other details and very much hope you can support HVO being imported from outside the EU as the UK has no production facilities to protect. It is also preferable for Oil companies to import HVO rather than fossil fuel.

Yours sincerely,

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