



**AMENDED FRENCH BUDGET FOR 2016:  
MORE ETHANOL IN PETROL AND A NEW FUEL ON THE MARKET  
THE BIOETHANOL INDUSTRY IS CONTRIBUTING EVER MORE  
TO REDUCING CARBON IN TRANSPORT AND HAULAGE**

*Paris, 22 December 2016* – The French parliament today voted in favour of the amended budget for 2016. In this new bill, the target amount of replacement biofuel in petrol has been increased from 7% to 7.5%, and a tax break has been introduced for the new fuel ED95 catering to captive fleets of buses and HGVs. To be applied in 2017, these measures mean French ethanol can make ever greater contributions to French environmental policy.

**7.5% BIOFUEL IN PETROL, UP FROM 7%: A REALISTIC GOAL**

First introduced in 2010, the aim of replacing 7% of petrol with biofuel has practically been reached this year. The government has now voted an amendment to increase this to 7.5%, with specific reference to the contribution of advanced biofuel. This increase will further reduce GHG emissions from fuel used in France, thanks in particular to the eco-benefits of French bioethanol, while also reducing French dependence on petrol.

These measures are in line with the French law on energy transition for eco-friendly growth (LTECV) which stipulates that the share of renewable energy used in haulage and transport should reach at least 10% by 2020 and 15% by 2030.

**ED95: A FUEL CONTAINING 95% BIOETHANOL, FOR BUSES AND HGVs TO USE LESS CARBON**

In early 2016, a fresh, clean solution for buses and HGVs made its debut on the market: ED95 boasts 95% bioethanol content, and is suitable for modified compression-ignition engines which can only run on this fuel.

The government's amendment, duly incorporated into the amended French budget for 2016 by the French Parliament, details the tax break for this fuel. Starting in 2017, ED95 will be subject to specific taxation (TICPE). Being integrated into the petrol pollution tax, it will contribute to French goals regarding renewable energy in haulage and transport. This provides a new "renewable; sustainable fuel" solution for public transport and road haulage professionals. Moreover, the latter may enjoy a 40% tax reduction for equipment running on ED95 purchased in 2017.

The 2016 amended French budget thus shows genuine recognition by France of the bioethanol industry as a fully-fledged player in the fight against global warming. This position propels France into a pioneering position among EU member States wishing to defend an ambitious EU policy on biofuel produced from European agriculture, during the debates on the clean energy directive for post 2020.

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### Bioethanol: French industrial excellence

In France, bioethanol is manufactured from beet sugar, starch from cereals and residues from processing the same.

- Over 50,000 farmers are involved each year,
- 300,000 hectares (1% of farmland) providing both fuel and food
- 9,000 jobs (direct, indirect and induced).

France is the European leader in bioethanol production with 12 million hectolitres, 30% of which is exported to other EU nations.

### The top 3 fuels in the bioethanol industry: immediate, affordable and sustainable solutions

#### 1. SP95-E10: an economic and ecological asset for France

SP95-E10 is a type of petrol that contains up to 10% bioethanol, at a sale price of 4 to 5 centimes\* cheaper than SP95 at the same petrol station, even cheaper than SP98.

Filling up with 50 litres of SP95-E10 saves about €1.50, which rounds out to €70 \*\* a year. Not only does it work out cheaper, SP95-E10 is available at over 5,300 petrol stations, i.e. more than half. It is compatible with 95% of petrol-powered cars on the roads today.

\* Source [www.prix-carburants.gouv.fr](http://www.prix-carburants.gouv.fr) le 24/10/2016/ \*\* when filling up with 50 litres a week.

#### 2. Superethanol E85: for cleaner, cheaper driving!

Superethanol-E85 is sold at an average sale price of €0.69 \*a litre, affording net savings of 30 to 40 cents compared to SP95 given respective consumption per kilometre.

This translates into yearly average savings of €400.

Available at over 850 petrol stations in France (*Easy to find thanks to the app "Mes stations E85"*), Superethanol E85 is used in flex-fuel vehicles running on all types of petrol in the same tank.

\* Source [www.prix-carburants.gouv.fr](http://www.prix-carburants.gouv.fr) le 24/10/2016

#### 3. ED95: The new solution for transports and road haulage professionals

Made with 95% bioethanol and 5% of a non-petrol additive and water, this fuel is mainly for buses, coaches and HGVs.

Cutting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by over 50% compared to diesel fuel and particle emissions by over 70%, ED95 powered the "Bus for the Climate" built by Scania and used by the Mayor of Paris during the Paris Climate Conference to escort elected representatives from all over the world.

ED95 has been authorised for sale since the decree dated 19/1/2016. Its characteristics were then defined in the decree dated 29/3/2016.

Find out more on: [www.bioethanolcarburant.com](http://www.bioethanolcarburant.com) (in French only)