Biofuels in MERCOSUR: evolution and current situation

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Historical

- The Mercosur Common Market Council (CMC) Decision # 36, dated December 15, 2006 has created a Special Working Group on Biofuels.
- During 2007 the Working Group developed an Action Plan which was approved by the CMC on December 17, 2007. CMC established an Ad Hoc Group on Biofuels (GAHB) in order to implement and develop the activities of the Action Plan for cooperation in biofuels among the Mercosur countries.
Objectives

- Stimulate the production and consumption of biofuels;
- Identify the existing regulatory frameworks in member countries of Mercosur;
- Stimulate the production chains and technical cooperation between the public and private entities of member countries;
- Promote capacity building for sustainable production of biofuels.
The Action Plan

➢ The Action Plan began to be implemented and developed from 2008.

➢ The GAHB has semiannual meetings, held in each *pro tempore* presidency of Mercosur, which rotates each six months, among the formal member States: Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay.

➢ Representatives from Venezuela have participated in some meetings.
The Action Plan: activities and schedule


2) Aspects related to the industrial production of biofuels (biodiesel and bioethanol) on a commercial scale: December 2012.

3) Aspects related to sustainable production of biofuels: June 2012.

4) Definition of business models for the biofuels industry: December 2012.

5) Existing regulatory frameworks for biofuel production in Mercosur member countries: completed.
The Action Plan: activities and schedule

6) Evaluation of technical specifications for biofuels (biodiesel and bioethanol) - being finalized: June 2012.


8) Cooperation in regional and global levels: permanent.

9) Investments in biofuels sectors in Mercosur: completed.
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