

United States – Renewable Fuel Standard (new). Some members fear that biofuels derived from palm oil will be excluded from the US market because they do not meet greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements in the US Renewable Fuel Standard. Indonesia and Malaysia argued that the greenhouse gas reduction thresholds and calculation methods were arbitrarily set, since no international standard has been developed for biofuel. Indonesia urged the United States to take into account its own technical data, which was submitted to the US Environmental Protection Agency. Indonesia said it believes this justifies a more favourable emission reduction value for palm oil biofuels.

As this measure was raised without prior notice (it was not on the agenda of the meeting), the United States said it would consult with officials in Washington before replying – it nevertheless noted that analysis was underway by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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