

3. European Union's Renewable Energy Directive

Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Colombia, Costa Rica and Guatemala expressed concern with proposed amendments to an EU directive that affects their exports of palm oil to EU markets. They believe that this directive is discriminatory and is in favour of other vegetable oil producers, in particular those in the European Union.

The EU clarified that the directive aims at a gradual reduction over time of the contribution of all conventional biofuels (not just those from palm oil) to the EU renewable energy targets. This proposal aims at reducing the carbon footprint of the transport sector.