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“Biofuels in Poland with new development impetus”

On May 26, 2023, the Sejm unanimously passed a law *on facilitating the preparation and implementation of investment projects in agricultural biogas plants, as well as their operation*. However, the regulation prepared at the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development not only addresses the need to support the development of agricultural biogas plants, but is also an extremely important piece of legislation for the transport biofuel sector directly linked to agriculture. Its entry into force at the beginning of 2024 will significantly strengthen the use of bio-components in Poland while expanding this part of the market for rape seed and corn producers.

The law provides for the implementation of E10 gasoline in place of the existing E5 within RON95 gasoline, as well as establishes important regulations determining in the coming years the level and methods of implementation of the National Indicative Target for biofuels, as well as mandatory blending, i.e. the minimum addition of bio-components to the so-called normative fuels, i.e. diesel fuel and motor gasoline.

“May 26, 2023 is the big day to break the long-standing impasse in national biofuel legislation. After more than a decade of discussion on E10 gasoline, we are finally catching up with the rest of Europe, giving a much-anticipated new economic boost to Polish agricultural distilleries and spirits plants, and with them to farmers. Indeed, E10 means at least 200,000 m³ of bioethanol and more than 500,000 tons of grain more in the Polish fuel market. Special words of appreciation for determination and keeping his word are due here to Deputy Minister of Agriculture Janusz Kowalski,” said **Łukasz Karmowski**, President of the Board of the Association of Polish Distilleries (ZGP).

“The passed law, which was supported by 449 deputies, that is, exactly all those present in the Plenary Hall of the Sejm at the time, is a very comprehensive solution for Polish biofuels, because while implementing E10, the stabilization of the domestic biodiesel market was thought of at the same time. What’s more, with appropriate solutions to the substitution fee and the reduction factor of the National Index Target (NCW), as well as the regulation of ester blending in diesel fuel, rape seed producers can expect that the oil and ester industry will be able to manage up to 2.5 million tons of seeds next year, which should certainly be a good signal for this part of the agricultural market,” added **Adam Stępień**, CEO of the National Chamber of Biofuels (KIB) and the Polish Association of Oil Producers (PSPO).

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