



Mandatory Reporting Fact Sheet for Biofuel Companies

This fact sheet is designed to help **businesses producing, selling, blending and storing biofuels** understand what mandatory reporting of petroleum statistics means for them.

Current Reporting Arrangements

The [Australian Petroleum Statistics](#) (APS) survey asks companies engaged in the sale of biofuels to report **each month** on both their **sales** and their end-of-month **stock levels**.

When reporting, companies are asked to distinguish between blended fuels such as *E10 Ethanol Blended Automotive Gasoline* and unblended biofuel products such as *Ethanol*.

Biofuel producers do not currently report under the voluntary reporting scheme. As a result, the APS only captures biofuel data when blended fuels are reported by petroleum wholesalers. This results in a data gap for Australia's biofuel statistics.

Mandatory Reporting

A **mandatory reporting requirement for petroleum statistics** will apply from **1 January 2018**. This will apply to biofuels, which form an important part of Australia's liquid fuel supply chain.

Consultation

The Australian Government is currently consulting on the design and operation of mandatory reporting. The **consultation closes on 28 October 2016**.

One of the key consultation questions is **how, when and to what extent should biofuels be reported under mandatory reporting?** The points for discussion include:

- Should all biofuels be covered by mandatory reporting or only the biofuels used for transport purposes?
- Who should be required to report biofuel data? For example, should producers and exporters report or should only petroleum companies report once fuels are blended for consumption?
- What activities (e.g. production, wholesaling, blending) associated with biofuels should be reported under mandatory reporting?
- How can double counting of biofuels, such as before and after blending, be avoided?
- What is the best way to capture the data for use by industry and government?

The Consultation Paper is available at

<http://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/energy/files/public-consultation-paper-on-mandatory-reporting-of-petroleum-statistics.pdf>.

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