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German ruling dents Malaysia biodiesel export target

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Germany has ruled that biodiesel derived from soya and palm oils will be eliminated from its list of qualified biofuels

BIODIESEL producers in Malaysia will not be able to achieve the 200,000 tonnes export target because of a recent German ruling.

Germany is the world's biggest biodiesel producer and consumer. Since 2006, Malaysia has been shipping the bulk of its palm oil-based biodiesel to Germany.

Last week, the German government announced that biodiesel derived from soya and palm oils will be eliminated from its list of qualified biofuels.

Although the new rule will become law in early 2009, it will be backdated to September 26 2008.



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