## **ICELANDIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY**

### **ALTERNATIVE FUELS FOR AVIATION**

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# **Annual Emissions**

#### (10<sup>6</sup> tons/year)



# Energy Density Content / Heat Value

#### **Comparison of the Energy Levels of several Fuel Sources**

=> Fuel		=> Energy Carrier		
Fuel / Carrier	MJ/litre	Equivalence	CO <sub>2</sub> -Emission	Health Effects
Jet Fuel (Kerosene)	37.6	100%	3.160 kg	Toxic
Fossil Diesel	38.6	103%	3.160 kg	Toxic
Canola Oil (Raps)	37.1	99%	2.797 kg	Harmless
BioLiq (BtL)	36.3	97%	3.140 kg	Toxic
Biodiesel (RME)	35.1	94%	2.797 kg	Harmless
Gasoline	34.8	93%	3.160 kg	Toxic
Ethanol	23.5	63%	1.913 kg	Toxic ??
Methanol	17.9	48%	1.375 kg	Highly Toxic
Methane Gases	25.3	67%	2.750 kg	Harmless
DME	19.2	51%	1.913 kg	Toxic
Hydrogen	9.3	24%	0.000 kg	Harmless

## Aircraft Total Weight

#### The total weight of an Airplane can approximately be divided in three main parts

- 1/3 of the weight is the <u>Airplane body</u>
- 1/3 of the weight is the <u>Jet-Fuel</u>
- 1/3 of the weight is the <u>Piloting</u>



## **Comparison – Jet Fuel vs. Biodiesel**

Properties	Jet Fuel (Kerosene)	Biodiesel (RME)
Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	775 - 840	860 - 900
Freezing Point (°C)	- 47	- 5
Boiling Point (°C)	176	200
Flash Point (°C)	38	120
Autoignition Temperature (°C)	210	210 - 250
Specific Energy (MJ/kg)	42,8	38,7
Energy Density (ML/litre)	37,6	35,1
Cetane Number	45 – 52	48 - 55
Carbon Dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) emission (kg/kg)	3.160	2.797

## **Necessary Additives**

#### **Additives for Jet-Fuel and Bio-Jet-Fuel**

- 1. Antioxidants
  - prevent gumming, cupper and some metals
- 2. Antistatic agents
  - prevent sparking and dissipate static electricity
- 3. Corrosion inhibitors
  - prevent corrosion in tanks and pipes
- 4. Icing inhibitor
  - prevent the fuel against icing
- 5. Biocides
  - prevent bacterial and fungal growth



## **The Biodiesel Generations**

#### • 1. Generation is Biodiesel from Rapeseed oil (RME)

- Land use => 50% Fertilizer, 35% Fodder and 15% oil
- 2. Generation is Biomass to Liquid
  - Liquid from biomass
  - Bio oil (pyrolysis oil) by temperatures between 350 550°C
  - Fischer-Tropsch-Process is used to produce synthetic fuels from gasified biomass

#### • 3. Generation is "Green Algae"

- Light
- Carbon dioxide  $(CO_2)$
- Waste water
- Yields 50 times more oil per hectare than rapeseed (1. Generation)





## Jet - Biofuel

- The air transport industry is responsible for 2-3 percent of man-made carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emitted.
- Boeing estimates that biofuels could reduce flight-related greenhouse gas emissions by 60 to 80 percent.
- One possible solution which has received more media coverage than others would be blending synthetic fuel derived from algae with existing jet-fuel



# Jet – Biofuels (status)

- **Green Flight International** became the first airline to fly jet aircraft on **100% biofuel**. The flight from **Reno\_Stead\_Airport** in Stead, Nevada.
- **Boeing** and **Air New Zealand** are collaborating with jet biofuel developers around the world.
- Virgin Atlantic successfully tested a biofuel blend consisting of 20/80 percent which was fed to a single engine on a 747 flight from London Heathrow to Amsterdam Schiphol.
- A consortium consisting of Boeing, NASA's **Glenn Research Center**, **MTU Aero Engines** (Germany), and the U.S. **Air Force Research Laboratory** is working on development of jet fuel blends containing a substantial percentage of biofuel.
- British Airways and Solena Group are establishing a sustainable jet fuel plant in East London, UK as BA plans to use the biofuel to power part of its fleet from 2014.
- 24 commercial and military biofuel flights are using "Green Jet Fuel".
- In 2011, **United Continental Holdings** was the first United States airline to fly passengers on a commercial flight using a blend of sustainable, advanced biofuels and traditional petroleum-derived jet fuel.









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