

## **SEKAB launch sustainable ethanol from Brazil**

GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN — Swedish company SEKAB announced May 26 that it is the first company in the world to supply verified, sustainable ethanol. The ethanol was made with Brazilian sugarcane. SEKAB said it worked with its Brazilian producers to develop criteria that cover the entire lifecycle of ethanol.

"Consumers and other stakeholders need guarantees that the ethanol is verified sustainable," said Anders Fredriksson, vice president of SEKAB biofuels and chemicals. "This initiative is the first of its kind in the world and a major step for speeding up the replacement of gasoline and diesel. The criteria will gradually be developed over the coming years and synchronized with international regulations when these are in place."

SEKAB worked with an independent verification company that will audit all its production units twice a year to ensure the established criteria are met. The criteria include: zero tolerance for child labor, non-organized working conditions (slave labor) and the destruction of rain forests. Requirements governing fair working conditions, labor laws and wages also were applied, the company said. The criteria are in line with demands highlighted in the ongoing processes being led by organizations like the United Nations and European Union.

In terms of climate change, the ethanol production demands should result in a reduction of carbon dioxide emissions from farming, production and transport by at least 85% compared with gasoline, the company said.

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