

13 August 2025

Dear

ATISN 24964 – Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 18 July 2025. You asked for information and / or documentation regarding the adoption, regulation, and strategic planning for Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (as a renewable fuel source). Specifically, you sought:

1. Government documents, strategies or mandates relating to adoption targets in Wales.
2. Sector specific regulations / requirements for HVO usage concerning public transport, freight and logistics, agriculture, construction.
3. Emission reduction targets linked to HVO adoption.
4. Documentation on any supporting programmes to assist the uptake of HVO in Wales.
5. Internal policy papers, guidance or ministerial communications relating to the adoption of HVO in Wales.

Our response

1. The Welsh Government does not hold any information that falls within the scope of your request.
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5. I confirm we hold information caught by your request. Applying Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, some of this information is otherwise available. Details of this information follows and can be accessed via the accompanying weblinks:
 - a. The use of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil as a renewable energy source has been raised twice within the Senedd as a written question. The details for each question and response can be viewed here:
[Written Question - WQ86949 - Welsh Parliament](#)
[Written Question - WQ90989 - Welsh Parliament](#)
 - b. The Welsh Government commissioned Zemo Partnership to assess the policy options to decarbonise the commercial vehicle sector in Wales. HVO is mentioned in the report:

[Zemo Actions for Accelerating the Decarbonisation of Commercial Vehicles in Wales.pdf](#)

A summary PowerPoint presentation was also provided to the Welsh Government which I have included in the accompanying email.

A decision report was issued by the Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport on 4 August 2025 to take forward this programme with Zemo Partnership - [Decision Reports: 2025 | GOV.WALES](#)

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedomofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely