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## **Report Highlights:**

Peruvian total ethanol production in 2023 is forecast at 220 million liters, increasing 8 percent compared to the previous year. Total ethanol consumption for 2023 is forecast at 285 million liters. Peru is forecast to produce 215 million liters of biodiesel in 2023. Biodiesel imports in 2023 are forecast at 190 million liters.

# **Executive Summary:**

Peruvian total ethanol production in 2023 is forecast at 220 million liters, increasing 8 percent compared to the previous year. Total ethanol consumption for 2023 is forecast at 285 million liters, remaining at the same level as the previous year with the ethanol blend rate expected to remain steady. Peru's Consumer Defense and Intellectual Protection Institute (INDECOPI) initiated a countervailing duty investigation against U.S. ethanol exports on April 25, 2017. On November 6, 2018, INDECOPI ruled in favor of the domestic industry and imposed countervailing duties between \$47.86 and \$47.94 per ton (4 cents/liter). Following a lengthy appeals process, INDECOPI announced on January 29, 2021, a reversal of their previous decision and all duties were repealed. Fuel ethanol imports in 2023 are forecast at 170 million liters.

The expansion of fuel ethanol consumption slowed significantly after Peru met its target blend rate in 2013. Since that time, further increases are solely dependent on a growing gasoline market. However, gasoline consumption faces stiff competition from alternative and more affordable fuels such as natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas. Peru exports domestically produced ethanol to Europe while meeting the remaining domestic demand through imports. The blend rate holds steady at 7.8.

Peru continues affected by raising fuel prices in 2023. Gasoline increased 27 and 25 percent for Premium and Regular respectively in Jan-Oct 2023. Diesel (B5) prices fell 5 percent in the same period. Prices in 2022 fell 2 percent (Premium gasoline), 4 percent (Regular gasoline) while diesel prices increased 33 percent. However, in June 2022 fuel prices peaked 86 and 79 percent for both types of gasolines and 94 percent for diesel. In 2022, diesel prices increased 33 percent.

Fuels in Peru are assessed an excise tax of 2.4 soles per gallon (\$0.6), 8 percent road tax and 18 percent value-added tax. Official data (OSINERMIN) shows that fuels have the following cost structure:

	Plant Cost	Taxes	Commercial Margin
Biodiesel	62	22	16
Gasoline Regular	54	23	23
Gasoline Premium	68	25	7

Biodiesel consumption has slowed after the target blend rate was achieved in 2012. Since that time, further increases are solely dependent on a growing diesel market. Peru resumed biodiesel production in 2017 after a halt between 2014 and 2016. In 2022, Peru produced 210 million liters of biodiesel, a slight increase from the previous year, but biodiesel capacity use continues to remain low. Biodiesel imports are controlled through renewed anti-dumping and countervailing duties on U.S. biodiesel and more recently imposed countervailing duties on Argentine biodiesel. Peru is forecast to produce 215 million

liters of biodiesel in 2023. Biodiesel imports in 2023 are forecast at 190 million liters, remaining about the same levels as the previous year.

Argentina requested consultations with Peru at the World Trade Organization (WTO) on September 2, 2022, regarding countervailing duties assessed on biodiesel imports. Argentina claims that such measures may run against provisions of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 and the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures. Reportedly, this meeting is pending.

# **II. Policy and Programs**

Peru does not provide tax incentives or set prices to directly support profitable biofuel margins, which would give biofuels an advantage over fossil fuels. Instead, Peru relies solely on mandatory blend rates, passing any costs over fossil fuels directly to consumers. At COP21 of the United Nation's Paris Climate Change Conference, Peru committed to a 30-percent, economy-wide reduction in emissions by 2030. While it plans to obtain this primarily through its forestry sector, a national law promoting the investment, development, and use of biofuels is included in this strategy (Supreme Decree 012-2009).

In December 2020, Peru updated its National Determined Commitment (NDC) for 2030 to a non-conditioned commitment of 208.8 MTCO2Eq (million tons of carbon dioxide equivalent) and a 179 MTCO2Eq conditional commitment, dependent upon international cooperation. In 2015, Peru filed a non-conditioned NDC of 238.6 MTCO2Eq and conditioned NDC of 208.8 MTCO2Eq.

### **Biofuel Policy Framework and Mandates**

**Supreme Decree 013-2005 EM -** *Regulation for Biofuels Market Promotion*: This 2005 decree sets the biofuel content in fuels distributed and sold in Peru. Gasoline must contain at least 7.8 percent ethanol. Diesel must have a biodiesel content of no less than five percent. This minimum blend level mandate applies to all diesel end-use markets, both on and off-road and heat and power. <a href="https://www.minem.gob.pe/minem/archivos/file/Hidrocarburos/Legislacion/Biocombustibles/DecretoSupremo">https://www.minem.gob.pe/minem/archivos/file/Hidrocarburos/Legislacion/Biocombustibles/DecretoSupremo No 013-2005-EM.pdf</a>

Law 28,054 – *Biofuels Market Promotion*: This law (April 20, 2007) establishes the legal framework for promoting the use of biofuels. The legislation seeks to increase employment, diversify the country's fuel sources, strengthen agricultural development, reduce environmental contamination and degradation, and provide an alternative source of income to illicit coca cultivation and drug production. This law promotes investment in biofuel production and its commercialization. The law established the PROBIOCOM program within Peru's investment agency (PROINVERSION) in order to attract investment in the local biofuel sector. While the framework of this law remains in force, no new investments were made beyond the initial years. The Biofuels Market Promotion legislation establishes the technical committee responsible for determining blend rates and schedules and recommending regulations for biofuel production and commercialization. The committee is also responsible for enhancing public awareness of the benefits of biofuels. The Ministries of Energy and Mines, Economy

and Finance, Agriculture, PROINVERSION, DEVIDA (alternative development agency), and the private sector make up the technical committee's membership. https://www.minam.gob.pe/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Ley-N°-28054.pdf

**Supreme Decree 021-2007 EM** – *Regulation for the Commercialization of Biofuels:* This law (April 2007) establishes the legal requirements for trading and distributing biofuels in Peru. It also establishes quality standards and procedures for registering biofuel blends with the Ministry of Energy and Mines. The decree sets the schedule for biofuel blending minimums in fossil fuels. Beginning in 2010, all gasoline sold in Peru was required to contain at least 7.8 percent ethanol, but full phase in of this requirement took three years to complete. The required blend level has been met each year since 2013. Since 2011, diesel fuel sold in Peru must contain a minimum of five percent biodiesel, but that goal was met one year late. The blend rate remained steady at B5 until it was temporarily suspended in 2022. <a href="https://www.minem.gob.pe/minem/archivos/file/Hidrocarburos/Legislacion/Biocombustibles/DecretoSupremo No 021-2007-EM.pdf">https://www.minem.gob.pe/minem/archivos/file/Hidrocarburos/Legislacion/Biocombustibles/DecretoSupremo No 021-2007-EM.pdf</a>

**Supreme Decree 014-2021 EM** – *Regulation that establishes sulfur content for diesel and gasoline and simplifies gasoline commercialization:* This regulation consolidates gasoline octanes (84, 90, 95, 97 and 98) in two categories. 'Regular' gasoline is set at 91 octane and Premium is set at 96 octane. This regulation was scheduled to enter into force on July 1, 2022, however it was postponed until January 1, 2023. The regulation also establishes, as of July 1, 2022, a sulfur content limit at 50 ppm for both diesel and gasoline. By the first quarter of 2024, the sulfur content should not exceed 10 ppm. <a href="https://cdn.www.gob.pe/uploads/document/file/1963869/DS 014-2021-EM.pdf.pdf?v=1624399256">https://cdn.www.gob.pe/uploads/document/file/1963869/DS 014-2021-EM.pdf.pdf?v=1624399256</a>

These regulations delineate responsibilities among the different agencies:

*Ministry of Agricultural Development and Irrigation*: Responsible for promoting the development of the agricultural areas necessary for biofuel production.

*Ministry of Energy and Mines*: This ministry authorizes the commercialization of biofuels and blends thereof with gasoline and diesel fuels.

*Ministry of Production*: Authorizes the operation of biofuel production facilities.

OSINERGMIN: Supervises and controls operations throughout the production chain.

PROINVERSION: Promotes investment in the biofuels sector.

**Supreme Decree 012-2009 MINAM, National Environmental Policy:** The Mining and Energy chapter of this Supreme Decree establishes as a priority the promotion of investment, development, and use of biofuels as a substitute for petroleum and natural gas to reduce carbon emissions.

### **Environmental Sustainability and Certification**

Peru does not have environmental sustainability (i.e., greenhouse gas emission limits) or environmental certification requirements for biofuels. All ethanol plants in Peru have developed sustainability reports certified by third parties.

In its original and updated NDC commitments, Peru did not include any references to how or if bioenergy or biofuels would contribute to meeting its NDCs.

## **Import Policy Including Duties**

Per the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, U.S. ethanol and biodiesel is imported into Peru duty free as of 2018. Biodiesel imports, both 3826.00 (covering blends above B30 to B100) and 2710.20 (petroleum oils containing 1 - 30 percent biodiesel), enter Peru duty free. Ethanol imports of both undenatured and denatured ethanol (HS codes 2207.10 and 2207.20) are assessed a six percent import duty plus an 18 percent value-added tax. Under the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, a ten-year tariff phase out schedule was applied to U.S. denatured ethanol. As of 2018, denatured U.S. ethanol is imported into Peru duty free. Undenatured U.S. ethanol was granted duty free entrance when the Agreement entered into force in 2009. Peru primarily exports undenatured ethyl alcohol (2207.10).

On January 29, 2021, Peru's Consumer Defense and Intellectual Protection Institute (INDECOPI) reversed the countervailing duty imposed in 2017 to U.S. ethanol exports to Peru.

Peru imposed temporary anti-dumping and countervailing duties on U.S. biodiesel in December 2009 in response to imports that began in December 2008. U.S. shipments totaled 85 million liters in 2009, which was equal to half of Peru's consumption that year. U.S. exports stopped immediately following the imposition of these temporary duties, except for two shipments in March and June of 2010. On August 23, 2010, Peru's INDECOPI published Resolution 151-2010-CFD-INDECOPI imposing permanent countervailing and anti-dumping duties on all U.S. exports of B51-100. These duties are \$178 per metric ton and \$212 per metric ton, respectively. The duties were renewed in 2016 after the expiration of the initial countervailing and anti-dumping duties. U.S. biodiesel shipments to Peru resumed in 2013, under Chapter 2710.20, to which the higher duties are not applied.

INDECOPI published resolution 011-2016/CDB-INDECOPI on January 25, 2016, establishing countervailing duties on all Argentinean biodiesels. This process was initiated after allegations from Palmas del Espino (Grupo Romero), who halted production at its Tocache production plant, claiming unfair competition from biodiesel from Argentina. Due to these countervailing duties, imports from Argentina fell in 2016 and 2017, and FAS Lima forecasts that B100 Chapter 38 imports from Argentina will remain limited in 2022.

Table 1

Countervailing Duties Against Argentinean Biodiesel						
Producer \$/MT						
LDC Argentina	15.4					
Molinos Rio de la Plata, Renova Vicentin	17.1					

Cargill	24.1
Aceitera General Deheza, Bunge Argentina	31.3
Others	208.2

Source: INDECOPI

On September 2, 2022, Argentina requested consultations with Peru at the WTO, regarding countervailing duties assessed on biodiesel imports. Argentina claims that such measures may run counter to WTO provisions.

#### **Suspension of Biodiesel Mandate**

Issued on March 11, 2022, *Ministerial Resolution 095-2022 MINEM/DM*, temporarily suspended the biodiesel mandate for 30 days. The Ministry of Energy and Mines explained that this measure would avoid interruptions in the fuel market due to reported low stocks as result of supply chain problems.

On June 8, 2022, *Ministerial Resolution 211-2022 MINEM/DM ext*ended the temporary suspension of the biodiesel mandate for another 90 days, ending on September 9, 2022. As of September 14, the suspension has not been renewed.

#### III. Ethanol

Peru began producing fuel ethanol in 2008. It produced fuel ethanol in sufficient volumes to supply domestic consumption through 2014, when one of the producing plants temporarily closed due to financial difficulties. Since Peru began producing ethanol, it has exported high-value, sugar cane-based ethanol to the European Union. This created the demand for imports to meet domestic demand. Peru met the E7.8 requirement (initially scheduled for 2010) in 2013 after a three-year delay.

Table 2

Ethanol Used as Fuel and Other Industrial Chemicals (Million Liters)										
Calendar Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023f
Beginning Stocks					30	40	48	64	63	26
Fuel Begin Stocks	21	5	2	27	28	39	28	1	1	1
Production					172	222	212	216	204	220
Fuel Production	190	152	205	165	140	173	150	173	189	190
Imports					193	208	190	234	218	220
Fuel Imports	63	112	113	112	173	190	153	165	169	170
Exports					142	171	131	139	159	160
Fuel Exports	102	94	113	91	108	170	131	138	157	158
Consumption					213	251	255	285	280	285
Fuel Consumption	167	173	180	185	194	204	199	200	201	202
Ending Stocks					40	48	64	90	46	21
Fuel Ending Stocks	5	2	27	28	39	28	1	1	1	1
Refineries Produc	ing Fuel E	thanol (N	/lillion Lit	ers)		l		l		l
Number of Refineries	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Nameplate Capacity	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350
Capacity Use (%)	54%	43%	59%	47%	40%	49%	43%	47.1%	50.0%	50.0%
Co-product Produ	ction (1,0	00 MT)		I.	ı	I.		I.		
Bagasse	784	627	846	680	578	714	619	712	706	710
Feedstock Use for	Feedstock Use for Fuel Ethanol (1,000 MT)									
Sugar Cane	2,375	1,900	2,563	2,062	1,750	2,163	1,877	2,157	2,140	2,150
Market Penetration	on (Millio	n Liters)	I	ı	ı	ı	I	ı	ı	1
Fuel Ethanol Use	167	173	180	185	194	204	205	218	201	202
Gasoline Pool 1/	2,147	2,223	2,303	2,373	2,487	2,614	2,628	2,810	2,576	2,590
Blend Rate (%)	7.80%	7.80%	7.80%	7.80%	7.80%	7.80%	7.80%	7.80%	7.80%	7.8%

f: forecast

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Private Sector, Ministry of Energy and Mines, FAS Lima analysis (Note: Forecasts are based on the assumption that Peru will continue to reach the E7.8 mandate. Some small volumes of ethanol traded may be for beverage use and other industrial chemicals not used as fuel.)

#### **Production:**

Peruvian total ethanol production in 2023 is forecast at 220 million liters, an 8 percent increase compared to the previous year. This increase is mainly due to better yields do to favorable weather conditions. Fuel ethanol is estimated at 190 million liters, about the same levels as the previous year. Nameplate capacity is forecast to remain the same in the near future at 350 million liters with only a near 50 percent capacity use rate.

Peru's two ethanol production facilities are located in the state of Piura in northern Peru. Coazucar's Aurora facility, with about 6,500 hectares of sugarcane, is configured to produce sugar or ethanol depending on the economics at a given moment. This company is owned by Grupo Gloria (Peru's largest dairy processor). The other production facility is Caña Brava, a \$210 million facility owned by the Romero Group. It maintains approximately 8,000 hectares of planted sugarcane fields with a production capacity of 127 million liters per year.

Peru uses sugarcane as the feedstock for bioethanol production. This sugarcane is cultivated on formerly idle, non-irrigated desert lands. Ethanol production is centered in Piura where companies take advantage of the favorable weather conditions (i.e., ample sunlight due to proximity to the equator). Despite an average annual rainfall of only 25 millimeters, sugarcane is cultivated year-round using modern irrigation technology. The sugarcane fields are drip irrigated with water drawn from the Chira River. The river is also fed by the Poechos Reservoir, which has a one billion cubic meter capacity and a discharge rate of four cubic meters per second. The reservoir is 30 kilometers from the Peru-Ecuador border.

Several sugarcane growers are evaluating the economic feasibility of diverting part of their crop to ethanol production. However, sources indicate that there are no immediate plans to initiate commercial operations.

Sugarcane yields can be as high as 200 metric tons (MT) per hectare, although average yields normally are around 140 MT per hectare, with 13 to 18 months between cuts. Brazil's shorter 180 day growing season produces lower yields of 70 MT per hectare. Sugarcane cultivation in Piura absorbs about 17,000 cubic meters of water per hectare per year.

## **Consumption:**

Total ethanol consumption for 2023 is forecast at 285 million liters, a slight increase from the previous year level. Fuel ethanol is estimated at 202 million liters, with the blend rate unchanged. Peru met its ethanol mandate in 2013, three years late, and has continued to reach it since that year. Unless there is an increase in the ethanol blend mandate, ethanol consumption will only increase as gasoline consumption increases. However, increasing fuel prices as a result of higher international prices and the Peruvian Sol devaluation could eventually result in higher substitution rates of gasoline with less expensive fuels.

Any growth in the size of the gasoline pool and thus pace of demand for E7.8 gasoline has slowed in recent years as taxis and passenger vans, which represent a significant portion of Peru's public transport sector, increasingly turn to liquefied natural gas (LNG) and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG). Demand for these two alternative fuels in 2020 accounted for about 50 percent of total fuel use by light duty vehicles. This trend directly affects gasoline and thus ethanol consumption, slowing growth opportunities for fuel ethanol.

FAS Lima forecasts that despite growing demand for LNG and LPG as transportation fuels, increased automotive ownership and the continuation of the E7.8 requirement will lead to increased demand for gasoline and thus ethanol. Currently, gasoline accounts for 22 percent of total fuel consumption while Liquified Petroleum Gas accounts for 23 percent.

The city of Lima and its immediate surroundings account for roughly 65 percent of the country's ethanol and gasoline demand. REPSOL (Spain) and Petro Peru (state-owned) are the Peruvian market's main gasoline suppliers. After initial opposition, these suppliers are now more open to discussing an increase to the current ethanol blend rate of 7.8 percent, likely due to the expectation it will lower costs.

#### **Trade:**

FAS Lima forecasts Peru's 2023 fuel ethanol exports at 158 million liters, increasing slightly compared to the previous year. Attractive European Union market prices have encouraged production in Peru in the last several years. Fuel ethanol imports in 2023 are forecast at 170 million liters, mostly from the United States.

Table 3

Peruvian Undenatured Ethyl Alcohol Exports (220710) (Million Liters)								
2020 2021 2022								
World	131	139	159					
Netherlands	119	130	145					
Ecuador	<b>Ecuador</b> 5 9 14							
France	5	0	0					
Colombia	1	0	0					

Source: Peruvian Customs

Table 4

Peruvian Undenatured Ethyl Alcohol Imports (220710) (Million Liters)								
	2020	2021	2022					
World	37	52	49					
Bolivia	31	41	37					
Brazil	<b>Brazil</b> 5 8 0							
Ecuador	1	0	0					
U.S.	0	2	12					

Source: Peruvian Customs

Table 5

Peruvian Denatured Ethyl Alcohol Imports (220720) (Million Liters)						
2020 2021 2022						
World	153	182	169			
<b>U.S.</b> 152 181 168						
Ecuador	1	1	1			

Source: Peruvian Customs

The average export price for Peruvian ethanol in 2022 rose 16 percent to \$0.96 per liter. Ethanol was imported into Peru at an average price of \$0.72 per liter, an increase of 6 percent compared to the previous year. Peruvian ethanol exported to the European Union (EU) benefits from duty-free access under the EU – Peru Free Trade Agreement as well as certain price premiums for some growers who are able to implement green harvesting (i.e., harvesting without cane field burning) and biological pest control among other more environmentally friendly measures.

Peru's ethanol does not meet biofuel land use change requirements under the US Energy Act of 2007 (EISA 2007) and thus cannot count towards fulfilling obligations (mandates) under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), making it ineligible for Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs). RINS add value to biofuels sold in the United States. Peruvian ethanol's higher cost (compared to U.S. corn ethanol) and lack of RINs eligibility limits its market opportunity in the United States. For some years now, the only market for higher-priced sugarcane ethanol has been California and that market is dominated by Brazil.

Biofuels imported to the United States can fulfill RFS obligations and generate RINs if the biofuel plant was "grandfathered" by supplying the U.S. market prior to 2007 or by certifying that the biofuel: 1) comes from feedstock grown on lands that were cultivated prior to 2007; 2) is covered by a feedstock tracking and certification scheme that insures ineligible feedstock are excluded; and 3) meets a minimum environmental sustainability standard of 20 percent greenhouse gas savings over fossil fuel to qualify for conventional biofuel or 50 percent to qualify for an advanced non-cellulosic fuel. No plants in Peru were grandfathered, and Peru does not meet the land use condition because desert lands used to

produce ethanol were converted after 2007. As a result, ethanol produced using feedstock from those lands cannot meet RFS obligations as defined under EISA 2007.

#### IV. Biodiesel/Renewable Diesel

#### **Production**:

Peru is forecast to produce 215 million liters of biodiesel in 2022, increasing two percent compared to the previous year. Peru produces biodiesel using crude palm oil (CPO) as a feedstock. PetroPeru, the entity that regulates biodiesel production and imports, notes that palm oil biodiesel quickly solidifies as temperature drops at higher altitudes, clogging fuel filters and damaging truck engines. This is the primary reason given for not raising the blend rate above B5, and there has been no move to produce renewable diesel (HDRD) which would eliminate this constraint.

Table 6

Biodiesel (Million Liters)										
Calendar Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023f
<b>Beginning Stocks</b>	11	9	9	59	35	12	51	57	70	49
Production	0	0	0	37	112	153	186	208	210	215
Imports	315	323	402	294	223	237	165	203	189	190
Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumption	317	323	352	355	358	351	345	398	420	420
<b>Ending Stocks</b>	9	9	59	35	12	51	57	70	49	34
<b>Production Capacity</b>	Million L	iters)								
Number of Biorefineries	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Nameplate Capacity	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350
Capacity Use (%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.6%	32.0%	43.7%	53.1%	59.4%	59.4%	61.4%
Feedstock Use (1,000	MT)									
Crude Palm Oil	0	0	0	34	103	141	171	193	195	200
Market Penetration (Million Liters)										
Biodiesel, on-road use	317	323	352	355	358	351	345	398	420	420
Diesel Pool, total 1/	5,809	6,303	6,631	6,685	6,690	6,812	6,500	7,560	7,600	7,600
Blend Rate (%)	5.5%	5.1%	5.3%	5.3%	5.4%	5.2%	5.3%	5.3%	5.5%	5.5%

t: forecast

Source: Peruvian Customs, PetroPeru, Private Sector, FAS Lima Analysis

Table 7

Peruvian Biodiesel Imports – 3826.00 (Million Liters)								
	2020	2021	2022					
World	124	133	102					
Spain	63	55	0					
Indonesia	0	40	50					
Malaysia	40	28	0					
Netherlands	0	0	8					
Others	44	22	44					

Note: Assume all product is B100

Source: Peruvian Customs

Table 8

Peruvian Petroleum Oils and Preparations Containing up to 30 percent Biodiesel Imports – 2710.20 (adjusted to B100-equivalent, Million Liters)							
	2020 2021 2022						
<b>World</b> 41 70 87							
U.S.	41	70	87				

Note: The assumed average blend rate for imports is B10.

Source: Peruvian Customs

# **Consumption:**

FAS Lima forecasts biodiesel consumption at 420 million liters in 2023, the same level as the previous year but significantly higher than the 398 million liters in 2021, this increase is mainly due to the economic reactivation after pandemic. Peru met the B5 requirement in 2012, one year late, after the blending requirement went into effect. FAS Lima expects the blend rate to remain steady for the foreseeable future.

#### Trade:

Biodiesel imports in 2023 are forecast at 190 million liters, about the same levels as the previous year. Biodiesel imports, both 3826.00 (covering blends above B30 to B100) and 2710.20 (petroleum oils containing 1-30 percent biodiesel), enter Peru duty free. Post believes that product imported under 2710.20, all of which comes from the United States, contains 10 percent biodiesel. If soy oil biodiesel is used (the most common type of U.S. biodiesel), it would perform better in colder temperatures than CPO-based biodiesel when blended at the same levels due to a naturally lower concentration of fatty acids in the feedstock.

#### V. Advanced Biofuels

There is currently no ongoing research on advanced biofuels in Peru. There is also no policy in place to support advanced biofuels research. FAS Lima is unaware of any announcements by Peruvian airlines to being using advanced biofuels in their operations.

### VI. Notes on Statistical Data

Ethanol production in Peru utilizes the diffusion method, adopted from Brazilian technology. This method consists of shredding harvested sugarcane stalks very thinly, then moving the shreds through thirteen consecutive warmer water (70-80°C) showers. The water from the final shower is allowed to ferment with alcohol producing yeast. Once the fermentation process is completed, the ensuing "liquor" is distilled. Industry sources clarify that this procedure is more efficient than traditional milling. The continuous flow also keeps plant idle time at a minimum. In order for a 350,000 liter per day ethanol plant to operate efficiently, 20 hectares of sugarcane must be processed daily. With an average sugar content of 17 percent, one metric ton of sugarcane produces roughly 170 kilograms of sugar or an amount equivalent to 80 liters of ethanol.

One metric ton of sugarcane also produces some 330 kilograms of bagasse (i.e., fibrous material that remains after sugarcane stalks are crushed to extract their juice). The bagasse, or sugarcane fiber, is used to produce 660 Kilograms of steam. Steam-turned turbines generate the processing plant's electricity needs. Ethanol operations utilize about eight megawatts per month. The excess energy produced (normally two to four megawatts) is sold to the national power grid. The following provides additional information on tables:

Table: Ethanol Used as Fuel (Million Liters)

Conversion: 1MT of sugar cane = 80 liters of ethanol

1MT of sugar cane = 330 kilograms of bagasse

Ethanol Trade: In this report, all exports of HS 2207.10 and 2207.20 to Europe is for use as fuel, while exports to other countries are for beverage or other industrial use. All imports of 2207.20 from the U.S. are fuel grade ethanol, while imports from other countries are for use as beverage or other industrial uses.

Table: Biodiesel Used as Fuel (Million Liters)

Conversion: 1MT of Crude Palm Oil = 1080 liters of biodiesel

# **Attachments:**

No Attachments