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**Report Highlights:**

Japan held the first public meeting of the expert committee to update Japan's biofuel target. Japan's current on-road biofuel target expires in March 2023.

## **General Information**

Japan's "[Act on Promotion of Use of Non-Fossil Energy Sources and Effective Use of Fossil Energy Raw Materials by Energy Suppliers](#)" (hereafter referred to as the "Sophisticated Act") sets Japan's biofuel policy. The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) oversees the implementation of the Sophisticated Act, as well as related rules and standards.

On September 2, 2022, METI's Agency for Natural Resources and Energy (ANRE) held "[the 6th Technical Review Committee Meeting toward the Introduction of Biofuels in Japan](#)" (meeting notes available in Japanese only). This expert committee meeting kicked off ANRE's public-facing process of updating the public notification for biofuel rules and standards under the Sophisticated Act. The [current notification](#) sets the target volume for on-road biofuel consumption in Japan through the end of March 2023 (Japanese fiscal year 2022) (for details see [2021 Japan Biofuels Annual](#)). ANRE aims to finalize and enforce the new notification by April 2023.

To that end, ANRE intends to hold a total of four expert committee meetings followed by a public comment period in December 2022 and another comment period in January-February 2023.

### **Attachments:**

No Attachments.