
Fuel classification 2013

Definitions for classification of fuels and energy sources 2013

Petroleum products

111 Petroleum gases

1111 Refinery gas

Refinery gas is gas recovered from the oil refining process used as an energy source. The category also includes fuel gases from the petrochemical industry.

1112 LPG (Liquefied petroleum gas)

LPG is a mixture of propane and butane or propane.

112 Light distillates

1121 Naphtha

Naphtha is a light distillate that is not much used as an energy source. It is mostly used as a solvent or feed stock in the petrochemical industry.

1122 Motor gasoline

Motor gasoline is assumed to contain an eight per cent biofuel share of the volume, on average, in 2012-2013. This is taken into account in the default caloric value and carbon dioxide coefficient.

1123 Aviation gasoline

Aviation gasoline is a special product for small airplanes.

113 Medium heavy distillates

1131 Kerosene (Jet fuel)

Kerosene is used as a fuel for jet turbines.

1132 Other kerosenes

Other kerosenes include such as motor kerosene, paraffin and paraffin oil.

1133 Diesel oil

Diesel oil is a fuel for diesel motors, which is most commonly used in lorries, buses and coaches and vans and in part of passenger cars. Diesel oil is assumed to contain a seven per cent biofuel share of the volume, on average, in 2012-2013. This is taken into account in the default caloric value and carbon dioxide coefficient.

1134 Gasoil, low sulphur (heating fuel oil)

Gasoil, heating fuel oil, whose sulphur content is at most 0.1 weight percentage, is a medium distillate, which is used particularly for oil heating of detached houses and other small houses, as a fuel for industrial drying, melting and combustion furnaces and as a fuel for various heating and drying apparatuses. Several types of heating fuel oil (light fuel oil) are sold under different product names.

Gasoil is assumed to contain two per cent of bio oil in its energy content, on average, in 2012-2013. The bio oil content is taken into account in the default caloric values and coefficients.

1135 Gasoil, sulphur-free (for non-road use and heating)

Sulphur-free gasoil is a fuel applicable for use in diesel motors of moving off-road machinery. It can be utilised for all uses of gasoil (light fuel oil). In 2012 to 2013, gasoil is assumed to contain two per cent of bio oil in its energy content, on average. The bio oil content is taken into account in the default caloric values and coefficients.

1139 Other medium distillates

Other medium distillates include special products corresponding to light fuel oil.

114 Heavy distillates

Heavy distillates are produced from an undistilled cut of crude oil, which is used as a fuel for large oil heating plants and stations, industrial melting and combustion furnaces, and ships and diesel plants.

1141 Heavy fuel oil, low sulphur (< 1%)

1142 Heavy fuel oil, high sulphur (> 1%)

1143 Other heavy distillates

Other heavy distillates include special products such as extra heavy bottom oil and other bottom oils.

115 Petroleum coke

Includes coke produced from oil by distillation and catalytic FCC and TCC coke by cracking.

116 Recycled and waste oils

The oils that are recovered from use after possible refining and are utilised as energy sources.

119 Other petroleum products

This category includes oil products not belonging to other categories, such as process gas produced from heavy fuel oil. Please specify which oil products are reported in this group.

Coal

121 Hard coal and anthracite

Hard coal refers to a solid organic fossil fuel whose calorific value in an ash-free substance is over 24 MJ per kg. Types of hard coal are mainly classified by the amount of volatile matter and calorific value.

1211 Anthracite

Measured by geological age, anthracite is the oldest and most advanced type of hard coal with a low content of volatile matter. The net calorific value of anthracite is highest, about 33 MJ per kg.

1212 Hard coal

Bituminous coal, so called steam coal. Includes types of coal whose calorific value is at least 24 MJ per kg, excluding anthracite.

122 Other coal

1221 Semi-bituminous coal, brown coal, lignite

Brown coal is the youngest coal by geological age. It is less carbonised than hard coal but it contains more volatile components such as hydrogen and oxygen. The calorific value of brown coal is under 24 MJ per kg.

1222 Coal briquettes

Pieces of certain size produced from hard coal by adding binding agents.

1228 Coal tar

Tar formed of hard coal in connection with the production of coke.

1229 Other non-specified coal

Coal other than belonging to the categories above. Please specify which coal product has been used as a fuel.

123 Coke

Coke is a fuel produced from hard coal by pyrolysis. The category also includes semi-coke.

124 Coke oven gas

Gas obtained as a by-product from the production of coke, containing hydrogen and light hydrocarbon gases. Gas is used as an energy source at coking plants and elsewhere in the iron and steel industry.

125 Blast furnace gas

Blast furnace gas produced in a blast furnace, which is used after refining as a fuel for heating and energy production. This group also includes CO gas comparable to blast furnace gas.

Natural gas

131 Natural gas

Natural gas contains primarily methane and some other light hydrocarbons. Natural gas is used as an energy source in the manufacturing industry and energy production. Natural gas can also be used as a transport fuel and as a feed stock in the production of hydrogen.

1311 Natural gas

Natural gas in gaseous form distributed for use through the pipe network.

Liquefied natural gas distributed for use through the natural gas network is also reported in this category.

1312 Liquefied natural gas (LNG)

Natural gas distributed in liquefied form for use outside the pipe network.

Peat

Peat is an organic type of soil generated as a result of slow decay of marsh plants, decomposed incompletely and stored in the habitat under extremely wet conditions. Peat is used as a fuel after drying. Snag trees among peat are considered as part of peat. If wood or other fuel has been added to peat, each fuel is reported separately.

211 Milled peat

Milled peat is a fine powder milled from the peatland surface.

Typical properties as fired: moisture content 40–50%, net calorific value 9–11 GJ/t.

212 Sod peat

Sod peat is peat compressed into pieces and separated from the peatland surface.

Typical properties as fired: moisture content 35–40%, net calorific value 11–13 GJ/t.

213 Peat pellets and briquettes

Peat pellets and briquettes are a fuel produced from dried powdered peat by compression.

Typical properties as fired: moisture content 5–10%, net calorific value 17–21 GJ/t.

Biomass

311 Forest fuelwood

Includes wood harvested for energy use collected from forests and wooded areas. (NB! Energy willow and other short rotation coppice wood species belong to a new category 3173)

3111 Firewood (*stems and split firewood*)

The raw material of chopped firewood is firewood (usually 1 m in length) or culled diameter stem.

Chopped firewood is chopped and cut furnace-ready firewood used in households' wood-heated equipment, such as stoves, fireplaces and central heating systems.

Typical properties as fired: moisture content 20–25%, net calorific value 13–15 GJ/t.

3112 Whole tree chips (*from roundwood*)

Chips made from culled stem wood or from the entire superterranean biomass of the tree (stem wood, branches, needles).

Typical properties as fired: moisture content 40–55%, net calorific value 7–11 GJ/t.

3113 Forest residue chips

After harvesting of commercial timber, chips or chippings made from branches and tree tops. Also includes chips or chippings produced from twig logs.

Typical properties as fired: moisture content 30–50%, net calorific value 8–13 GJ/t.

3114 Stump wood chips

Chips or chippings produced from tree stumps and roots.

Typical properties as fired: moisture content 30-40%, net calorific value 11-13 GJ/t.

312 Industrial wood residues

Wood residue or by-product produced in the wood processing or other industry used as an energy source.

3121 Bark

Bark residue derived from commercial timber by different debarking techniques.

Typical properties as fired: moisture content 45–65%, net calorific value 5–11 GJ/t.

3122 Saw dust

Residue from sawing of timber.

Typical properties as fired: moisture content 45-60%, calorific value 6-10 GJ/t.

3123 Wood residue chips or chippings

Chips or chippings from industrial wood residue (wood strips, offcuts, veneers in the board industry, plywood edges, etc.) and unbarked or barked chips or chippings produced as by-products by the wood industry, which do not contain halogenated organic compounds, heavy metals or plastics.

Typical properties as fired:

- Wood residue chippings: moisture content 10–60%, net calorific value 6–17 GJ/t

- Plywood residue: moisture content 5–15%, net calorific value 10–19 GJ/t

3124 Cutter shavings, grinding powder, etc.

Residue from grinding or planing of timber. Also includes dry sawdust and wood dust.

Typical properties as fired: moisture content 5-15%, calorific value 16-18 GJ/t.

3128 Unspecified industrial wood residue

Includes industrial wood residue composed of at least two of the above categories (e.g. bark and sawdust), which cannot be separated even by an approximate estimate

3129 Other industrial wood residue

Includes other wood residue classified as biofuels (e.g. from the construction material industry), which do not contain halogenated organic compounds, heavy metals and other such impurities.

313 Black liquor and other concentrated liquors

Includes black liquor and sulphite-based chemical liquor.

314 By-products from wood processing industry**3141 Pine oil and pitch**

Soft soap, pine oil, pine oil pitch and the like, excluding methanol and turpentine produced in pulp mill processes.

Typical properties as fired:

- pine oil: net caloric value 30-40 GJ/t

3142 Methanol and turpentine

Methanol produced in pulp mill processes. Also includes turpentine.

Typical properties as fired:

- methanol: net caloric value 19.5 GJ/t

- turpentine: net caloric value 40 GJ/t

3149 Other by-products and waste products from the wood processing industry

Wood-based by-products and waste products from the wood processing industry belonging to other than the above-mentioned categories, such as fibrous sludges (0 fibre), weak and strong odour gases and refuse paper not fit for material recycling produced in paper production, or other paper, cardboard, paperboard and viscose waste to be burned.

315 Recovered wood

Clean wood residue classified as a biofuel or disposed wood or wood product, which does not contain coatings or halogenated organic compounds and heavy metals. For example, wood residue, wood or loading pallets.

316 Wood pellets and briquettes

Compressed wood made by compression from sawdust, shavings and grinding dust.

317 Vegetable-based fuels and other field biomass

Vegetable-based fuels include field biomass and residues, and waste from other than arboreal plants, as well as vegetable-based by-products from the food industry. These are cereal, reed canary grass, straw, reed grass, turnip rape and linen. (NB! Transport and heating fuels produced industrially for distribution from vegetable oils and fats belong to categories 3221-3229).

3171 Reed canary grass

Reed canary grass is an energy plant used as fuel. It is usually burned as mixed fuel together with peat and wood. The components of the mixture are reported separately in their own respective fuel categories.

3172 Cereal crops and straw parts

Cereals or parts of cereal crops such as straw used as a fuel.

3173 Energy willow

Short rotation coppice willow is grown for energy use and is chipped prior to use. This category also includes also other short rotation forestry wood species that are grown for energy use.

3174 Vegetable oils and fats

Vegetable oils and fats used as fuels, including roasting fats, etc. removed from use.

3179 Other vegetable-based fuels

This category includes others than the above-mentioned vegetable-based by-products, etc. from food production or the food industry. Please specify which products that have been used as a fuel.

318 Animal-based fuels

Animal-based fuels include such as meat and bone flour and animal fats. The category also includes dung and litter. Please specify which products have been used as a fuel. (NB! Transport and heating fuels produced from animal fats for industrial distribution belong to categories 3221-3229).

3181 Animal fats

Animal-based fats and oils used as a fuel.

3189 Other animal-based fuels

Other animal-based products used as a fuel, such as meat and bone flour. The category also includes dung and litter. Please specify which products that have been used as a fuel.

Other biofuels and mixed fuels**321 Biogas**

Biogas is the result of a microbiological process, where organic matter is decomposed due to bacterial activity in an anaerobic state. Biogas and digested biomass are produced from the raw material as a result of the decomposition. This main category also includes organic gases produced in other ways, e.g. by means of a thermal process.

3211 Landfill gas

Biogas recovered from landfills. Methane content around 35–60%.

3212 Biogas from wastewater treatment plants

Biogas produced in wastewater treatment plants. Methane content around 60–70%.

3213 Industrial biogas

Biogas produced in industrial wastewater treatment plants, and from industrial biodegradable waste and by-products (e.g. in the food and forest industries). Methane content around 65–70%.

3214 Biomethane

Purified biogas whose methane content is over 95%. Report here the biomethane that is used as such (not mixed with fossil natural gas). This does not include the biofuel share of natural gas distributed together with fossil natural gas in the natural gas network.

3215 Synthetic (thermal) biogas

A so-called synthetic biogas produced from organic matters by gasification.

3219 Other biogases

Other biogases include biogas produced on farms and in co-digestion plants. Co-digestion plants differ from other plants in that they use diversified raw materials, such as waste sludges, and municipal and industrial wastes or by-products. Methane content around 55–65%.

322 Bioliquids

Liquid fuels produced from biomass or vegetable oil used as such (not mixed into fossil fuels). This does not include biofuel shares mixed into traffic fuels and fuel oils.

The category also includes bio-based propane, which is produced as a by-product of oil refining. Pine oil, pine oil pitch, methanol and the like derived from the wood processing industry and processing of pine oil belong to categories 3141 – 3149.

3221 Biofuel oil

Fuel oil industrially produced from biomass or vegetable oil used as such for heating or as a fuel for off-road machinery (not mixed with fossil fuels).

3222 Biopyrolysis oil

Fuel oil produced from wood or other biomass by the pyrolysis method.

3229 Other liquid biofuels

Such as biopropane generated in connection with oil refining and other liquid fuels made from organic matters not belonging to the above-mentioned categories.

323 Mixed fuels (fossil and non-fossil)

Mixed fuels refer to fuels containing both fossil and renewable (biodegradable) coal.

3231 Recovered fuels

Fuel produced from sorted municipal solid, enterprise or industrial waste, such as SRF, REF, RDF or PDF. Pellets produced from waste go under 3235.

3232 Demolition wood

Wood waste from the demolition of buildings and structures containing coatings or other impurities, and does not thus belong to category 315 *Recovered wood*.

3233 Impregnated wood (chemically treated)

Impregnated wood products, e.g. railway sleepers.

3234 Deinking sludge

Fibrous sludge from the deinking process of recycled paper, which is used after desiccation as a fuel in energy production. Contains carbonates and is therefore classified as a mixed fuel.

3235 Waste pellets

Pellets produced from waste.

3238 Municipal waste/mixed waste

Source separated municipal waste (energy waste or dry waste) used as a fuel for energy production at waste incineration plants. This category also includes the fuel section remaining from the separation of other fractions at waste treatment and separation plants. It includes also unsorted municipal waste.

3238 Municipal waste (unsorted)**3239 Other mixed fuels**

Other mixed fuels and gases not belonging to the categories above, such as unspecified industrial waste and deinking waste. If the fossil part of these fuels is not specified separately, they are counted as totally fossil in the emissions trading system.

324 Gasified waste (Product gas)

Fuel gas produced from solid raw materials in a thermal gasification process. The energy of product gas is reported as the energy content of its raw materials, in other words inclusive of losses from the gasification process. In energy statistics product gas is recorded as its raw materials.

325 Biosludge

Includes sludge from municipal waste water treatment, which is used as a fuel after desiccation. Fibrous sludges from the wood processing industry are reported in category *3149 Other by-products from wood processing industry*.

326 Biocoal

Fuel produced from wood or other biomass by heating. Includes wood coal produced by torrefication.

Typical properties as fired:

- torrefied wood: net caloric value 18-22 J/t
- wood coal: net caloric value 28-33 GJ/t

Nuclear energy**411 Nuclear energy****Other energy sources****491 Other by-products and wastes used as fuel**

Solid and liquid waste and by-products not belonging to other categories used as an energy source.

4911 Plastics waste

Includes various plastics waste, e.g. mobile phone covers.

4912 Rubber waste

Includes various rubber waste, such as car tyres and other waste rubber.

4913 Hazardous waste**4919 Other waste**

Waste not belonging to any of the above categories.

492 Exothermic heat from industry

Industrial reaction heat refers to heat generated as a by-product of an exothermic heat-transferring chemical reaction in an industrial process (such as calcination, catalytic process). The energy content of the formed heat has not previously been included in the usage figures of any other energy sources. Reaction heat is utilised in electricity and/or heat generation and it replaces other primary energy. This category also includes heat recovered from combustion gases not included in the net calorific value of fuels, which lowers the need for other primary energy.

493 Secondary heat from industry

Secondary heat/energy recovered from industry, which is used for production of electricity and/or heat (such as heat recovered from a ground wood or refining plant). Secondary heat utilised in industry has to be included as a 'fuel' of electricity and heat production so that the efficiency would not rise above 100 per cent at the plant level.

494 Electricity

Electricity used in heat pumps and electric boilers.

495 Steam

Steam acquired from outside for energy production.

497 Sulphur

Sulphur generated in industrial processes and used as a fuel in energy production.

498 Hydrogen**499 Other non-specified energy sources**

Fuels or energy sources not belonging to the categories above. Please specify which products have been used as an energy source.