



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

In line with the objectives of the Clean Air Act of 1999 and the implementation of the Biofuels Act of 2006, the Department of Energy as chair of the Technical Committee on Petroleum Products and Additives (DOE-TCPPA) reviewed and updated the Philippine National Standard for Biofuels - *Coconut Methyl Ester* (B100) – Specification (DPNS/DOE QS 002:2021).

The proposed standard is revision of PNS/DOE QS 002:2015 with revision made on the following:

- inclusion of new property, the Cold Soak Filterability Test (CSFT);
- inclusion of provisions on good housekeeping; and
- updating of test methods.

This standard was made in line with the DOE's policy and program of updating the fuel quality specification of biodiesel in terms of the current requirements of the industry, its users, manufacturers vis-à-vis the continuing commitment in ensuring supply availability and also by endeavoring to harmonize international/regional environmental standards for fuel quality as well as to safeguard the health and welfare of the people. As a type of fuel, there is a need to standardize its quality to ensure its effectiveness when used whether in its pure state or as a blend based on local conditions as established through various test validations.

Further, this is also in support of the Department's thrust for the continuing development and utilization of various alternative fuels from indigenous and renewable energy sources towards energy interdependence consistent with the country's sustainable economic growth plan. This standard also supports the R.A. No. 9367, otherwise known as the "Biofuels Act of 2006", that complements initiative in environmental protection and expand opportunities for livelihood.

Enclosed is a copy of the draft standard for your comments. It is suggested that any proposed changes to the specifications be supported with explanations/ justifications.

We appreciate receiving your comments/positions through mail or email at tcppa.oismd@doe.gov.ph on or before **October 19, 2021** for it to be considered in the finalization of the standard. Non- receipt of your comments on the specified date shall be construed as an approval of the adoption of the standard.

Thank you for your usual cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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