

FOEN – Placing of renewable or low-emission thermal and motor fuels on the market

1 General

1.1 Background

Anyone wishing to place renewable or low-emission fuels on the market requires authorisation from the [Federal Office for the Environment FOEN](#) and must enter the authorisation number issued in the customs declaration.

1.2 Relevant legislation and information

Article 35d of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA [SR 814.01](#)) states that thermal and motor fuels produced from foodstuffs or animal feed or that directly compete with food production may not be put into circulation. In addition, renewable or low-emission fuels must meet certain ecological requirements before being placed on the market. The Renewable Fuels Ordinance (RFO [SR 814.311.1](#)) provides greater details on these provisions.

1.3 Reference in Tares

Tariff items relevant to placing products on the market are marked «Authorisation requirement: FOEN – RFO».

2 Information in customs declaration

Importers of low-emission and renewable fuels must declare their regulatory obligation in the customs declaration and provide the following information:

Identification Regulation	Passar: - Regulation 1 (yes) - Regulation code 442: FOEN – Renewable fuels
	E-dec: - Authorisation requirement: yes - Authorising authority 046: FOEN – RFO
Additional information	- Authorisation number - Authorisation holder¹

This also applies if the renewable or low-emission fuel has an allocated tariff number without the remark «Authorisation requirement: FOEN – RFO» in Tares.

3 Further information

Authorisation for placing on the market

Authorisation is granted by the FOEN on application and must be obtained before goods are imported.

An application for authorisation to place products on the market must be submitted using the appropriate form found on the [FOEN](#) website to the following address:

Federal Office for the Environment FOEN
Economics and Innovation Division
3003 Bern

Ongoing authorisation procedure

If the authorisation procedure is not yet complete when the goods enter the customs territory, the goods are placed in the [customs warehousing procedure](#). The information listed in the table above and the provisional FOEN authorisation number must be provided in the goods declaration.

¹ Only for declarations in the Passar system

The goods must be stored separately and remain in the customs warehouse until the FOEN issues authorisation or the goods are re-exported. Unauthorised goods and goods that cannot be placed in the customs warehousing procedure may not enter the customs territory. Incomplete or incorrect customs declarations will be rejected by the FOCBS goods traffic system.