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In response to the impact of the Middle East crisis, the Commission announced the launch of a revision process for the Oil Stockholding Directive in its AccelerateEU communication¹. One of the objectives of the revision is to address the challenges identified in the current crisis, considering among others whether specific stock requirements are needed for different oil products, adaptations for sustainable fuels, mitigation of emerging risks, and enhanced military mobility readiness through improved energy resilience. The Commission has also published guidance clarifying certain EU rules applicable to passengers and tourism as well as transport operators, including in light of the current reduced supply of jet fuel from the Middle East².

The Sustainable Transport Investment Plan³ aims to accelerate investment in sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) in the EU and reaffirms the commitment to ReFuelEU Aviation⁴ implementation. The Plan includes actions on the Commission to work with Member States to set up a pooled joint double-sided auction for synthetic aviation fuels (eSAF), while simultaneously providing valuable insights in view of establishing an EU-wide financing mechanism. To this end, the Commission launched eSAF Early Movers Coalition in December 2025⁵ and launched a study to define auctions design and governance.

Member States are responsible for enforcing the application of ReFuelEU Aviation through their respective competent authorities and imposing fines in case of non-compliance by aviation fuel suppliers, aircraft operators and EU airport managing bodies.

¹ https://energy.ec.europa.eu/strategy/accelerateeu-strengthen-eu-energy-resilience_en.

² https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/commission-publishes-guidance-support-eu-transport-sector-affected-middle-east-crisis-2026-05-08_en.

³ https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/commission-unveils-sustainable-transport-investment-plan-strategic-approach-boost-renewable-and-low-2025-11-05_en.

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/2405/2023-10-31>.

⁵ https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/eu-launches-early-movers-coalition-accelerate-sustainable-aviation-fuel-uptake-2025-12-04_en.