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Comparative Pricing for Fuels and Co-Products - \$/Gallon					
Product	Current price	Prior week average	Previous year	% change (week over week)	% change (year over year)
Ethanol					
Ethanol (FOB Gulf)	\$1.802	\$1.815	\$1.746	-0.7%	3.2%
Anhydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$2.201	\$2.140	\$1.860	2.8%	18.3%
Hydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$2.054	\$2.016	\$1.777	1.9%	15.6%
Anhydrous - Hydrous Spread	\$0.147	\$0.124	\$0.083	18.4%	76.2%
Gulf discount/premium from Santos	-\$0.398	-\$0.325	-\$0.115	22.5%	247.7%
Ethanol (FOB PNW)	\$1.865	\$1.911	\$1.863	-2.4%	0.1%
Gasoline/Chemical components & additives					
MTBE (FOB Gulf)	\$2.321	\$2.274	\$2.772	2.1%	-16.3%
MTBE Premium/Discount to Ethanol					
(FOB Gulf)	\$0.519	\$0.459	\$1.027	2.8%	-19.5%
"Aromatic" Octane Enhancers (BTX)					
Benzene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$3.000	\$3.046	\$3.689	-1.5%	-18.7%
Toluene NITN (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$3.044	\$3.075	\$3.632	-1.0%	-16.2%
Mixed Xylene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$2.858	\$2.905	\$3.682	-1.6%	-22.4%
Weighted Average Aromatic Price (BTX)	\$2.930	\$2.972	\$3.668	-1.4%	-20.1%
Gasoline (FOB Gulf)	\$2.067	\$2.085	\$2.090	-0.8%	-1.1%
Source: World Perspectives Inc					

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Comparative Pricing for Fuels and Co-Products - \$/Liter					
Product	Current price	Prior week average	Previous year	% change (week over week)	% change (year over year)
Ethanol					
Ethanol (FOB Gulf)	\$0.476	\$0.479	\$0.461	-0.7%	3.2%
Anhydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$0.581	\$0.565	\$0.491	2.8%	18.3%
Hydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$0.543	\$0.533	\$0.469	1.9%	15.6%
Anhydrous - Hydrous Spread	\$0.039	\$0.033	\$0.022	18.4%	76.2%
Gulf discount/premium from Santos	-\$0.105	-\$0.086	-\$0.030	22.5%	247.7%
Ethanol (FOB PNW)	\$0.493	\$0.505	\$0.492	-2.4%	0.1%
Gasoline/Chemical components & additives					
MTBE (FOB Gulf)	\$0.613	\$0.601	\$0.732	2.1%	-16.3%
MTBE Premium/Discount to Ethanol		·			
(FOB Gulf)	\$0.137	\$0.121	\$0.271	2.8%	-19.5%
"Aromatic" Octane Enhancers (BTX)					
Benzene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$0.793	\$0.805	\$0.975	-1.5%	-18.7%
Toluene NITN (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$0.804	\$0.812	\$0.959	-1.0%	-16.2%
Mixed Xylene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$0.755	\$0.767	\$0.973	-1.6%	-22.4%
Weighted Average Aromatic Price (BTX)	\$0.774	\$0.785	\$0.969	-1.4%	-20.1%
Gasoline (FOB Gulf)	\$0.546	\$0.551	\$0.552	-0.8%	-1.1%

Source: World Perspectives, Inc.

FOB and Estimated CNF Ethanol Prices, \$/MT					
Product	Current price	Prior week average	Previous year	W/W % Change	Y/Y % Change
FOB Prices					
Ethanol, FOB U.S. Gulf	\$608.87	\$613.10	\$589.76	-0.7%	3.2%
Ethanol, FOB PNW	\$630.07	\$645.61	\$629.39	-2.4%	0.1%
Ethanol, FOB Brazil	\$693.85	\$681.07	\$600.30	1.9%	15.6%
Estimated CNF Prices					
U.S. Gulf - EC Mexico	\$617.80	\$622.08	\$602.92	-0.7%	2.5%
U.S. Gulf - Brazil	\$647.35	\$652.52	\$637.82	-0.8%	1.5%
U.S. Gulf - Peru	\$656.97	\$661.52	\$654.23	-0.7%	0.4%
U.S. Gulf - W. Coast Cent. Am.	\$650.92	\$655.41	\$652.92	-0.7%	-0.3%
U.S. Gulf - China	\$660.11	\$665.24	\$656.43	-0.8%	0.6%
U.S. Gulf - Europe	\$639.50	\$644.39	\$629.02	-0.8%	1.7%
U.S. Gulf - South Korea	\$669.21	\$675.10	\$689.76	-0.9%	-3.0%
U.S. Gulf - Saudi Arabia	\$698.52	\$704.38	\$771.33	-0.8%	-9.4%
U.S. Gulf - Philippines	\$703.62	\$709.65	\$714.99	-0.8%	-1.6%
U.S. Gulf - Singapore	\$710.06	\$716.78	\$760.72	-0.9%	-6.7%
U.S. Gulf - India	\$689.65	\$695.99	\$717.95	-0.9%	-3.9%
U.S. Gulf - West Africa	\$639.53	\$644.42	\$629.50	-0.8%	1.6%
U.S. Gulf - Morocco	\$635.51	\$640.31	\$624.08	-0.7%	1.8%
U.S. Gulf - Algeria	\$638.23	\$643.09	\$627.58	-0.8%	1.7%
U.S. Gulf - Egypt	\$646.09	\$651.12	\$637.71	-0.8%	1.3%
U.S. PNW - Singapore	\$694.46	\$711.58	\$738.17	-2.4%	-5.9%
U.S. PNW - S. Korea	\$684.23	\$701.26	\$719.15	-2.4%	-4.9%
U.S. PNW - Philippines	\$698.17	\$715.58	\$742.25	-2.4%	-5.9%
U.S. PNW - India	\$714.87	\$732.36	\$780.94	-2.4%	-8.5%
Brazil - Singapore	\$737.68	\$725.67	\$657.34	1.7%	12.2%
Brazil - S. Korea	\$791.39	\$780.46	\$729.22	1.4%	8.5%
Brazil - Europe	\$727.05	\$714.98	\$642.85	1.7%	13.1%
Brazil - China	\$747.52	\$735.68	\$670.13	1.6%	11.5%
Brazil - India	\$758.09	\$746.46	\$700.11	1.6%	8.3%

Source: World Perspectives, Inc.

Note: estimated cost and freight (C&F) prices are based on information believed to be reliable and accurate. Estimates for some routes may be based on mathematical inference and not actual market offers. Terms of trade and market conditions may cause actual prices to vary from these estimates.

Market Outlook: U.S. ethanol prices ended last week 1.2 percent lower but pared those losses in early week trading and rose 0.6 percent through Tuesday's close. Midwest wholesale rack ethanol prices were lower to end last week and were down 0.5 percent through Tuesday's market close to their last quote of 48.02 cents/liter (181.77 cents/gallon).

FOB Houston ethanol prices finished last week 0.2 percent lower and are down 0.5 percent from Friday's close to Tuesday's close. FOB Houston ethanol prices are quoted at 47.61 cents/liter (180.23 cents/gallon). FOB Santos, Brazil anhydrous ethanol prices were higher last week; they are up in early week trading, rising 2.8 percent to 58.14 cents/liter (220.07 cents/gallon) through Tuesday's close.

The FOB Gulf-Santos, Brazil ethanol spread has widened from last week's close through Tuesday's trading and is currently at -10.53 cents/liter (-39.85 cents/gallon).

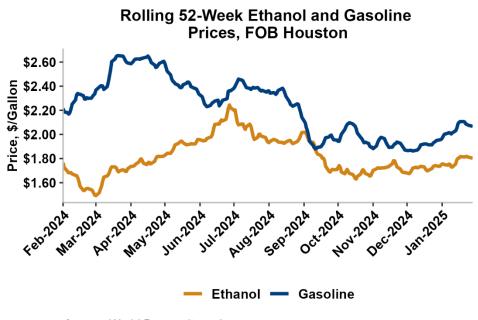
MTBE prices rose 5.2 percent last week and continued that trend in early week trading to gain 2.1 percent from Friday's close through Tuesday's trading. MTBE's premium to FOB Houston ethanol has increased from last week's report and stands at 13.73 cents/liter (51.97 cents/gallon).

BTX component prices were higher last week but pulled back through Tuesday's market close: Benzene was down 1.4 percent while Toluene was down 0.9 percent, and Xylene was down 1.4 percent. The estimated weighted average aromatic price is currently 77.54 cents/liter (293.51 cents/gallon), down from last Friday's close. The BTX-Houston ethanol spread narrowed last week, and the weighted average BTX price is 29.93 cents/liter (113.28 cents/gallon) higher than the FOB Houston ethanol price.

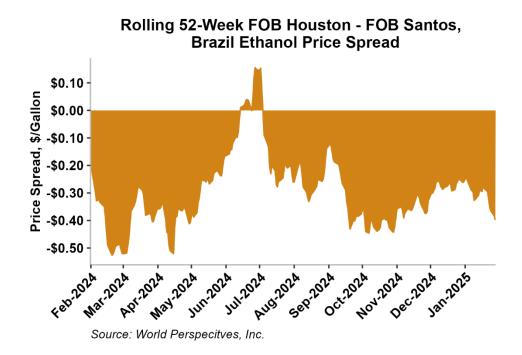
Gasoline and petroleum products were lower last week and were weaker still in early week trade. RBOB futures are down 0.1 percent to start the week while 84 octane RBOB (Houston) and 87 octane CBOB (U.S. Gulf) gasoline prices are up 0.3 and up 0.3 percent, respectively. WTI futures are 1.7 percent lower at \$73.39/barrel while Brent futures are down 1.9 percent to \$76.11/barrel, from Friday through Tuesday's close.

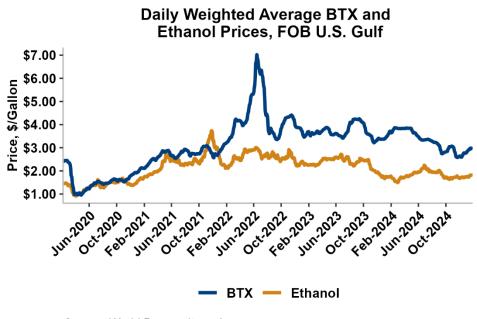
Liquid tanker rates are 2 percent lower on average this week with offers for the U.S. Gulf to the East Coast of Mexico seeing the smallest losses (down 1 percent). Freight from the U.S. PNW to Philippines saw the largest declines and is down 3 percent from last week. On average, tanker freight from the U.S. Gulf is down 2 percent this week while freight from the PNW has also posted a 2 percent decline. Liquid tanker freight rates from Brazil are down 2 percent, on average, this week. Freight rates across all origins are 30 percent lower than this same week in 2024.

On a cost-and-freight (C&F) basis, offers are mostly lower this week as both freight rates and FOB ethanol offers have moved below last week's values. Prices for ethanol C&F to Central America from the U.S. Gulf are down 0.7 percent this week and are up 0.9 percent from this same week in 2024. Values for PNW ethanol to Southeast Asia average \$692.29/MT this week, down 2.4 percent from the prior week and down 5.6 percent year-over-year. That compares to U.S. Gulf to Southeast Asia C&F prices that average \$694.3/MT and are down 0.9 percent from last week and are down 3.7 percent year-over-year. C&F prices for Brazilian ethanol to Southeast Asia are up 1.6 percent from last week.

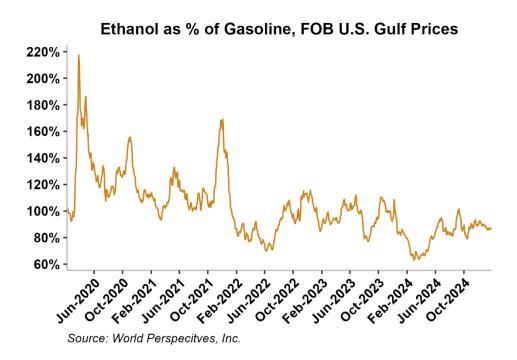


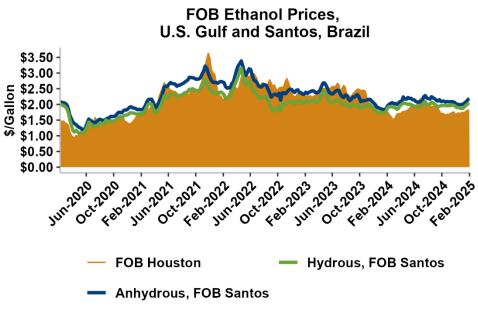
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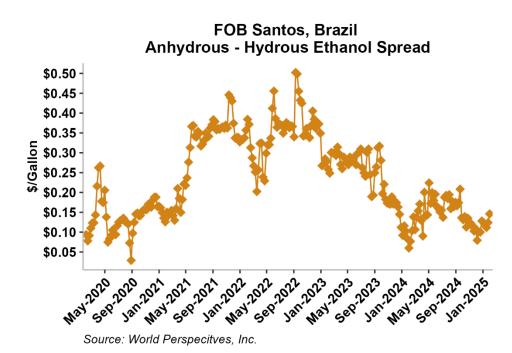


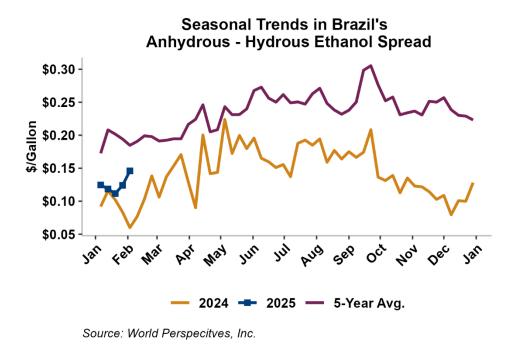
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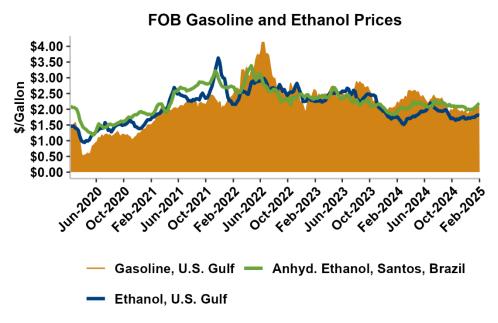




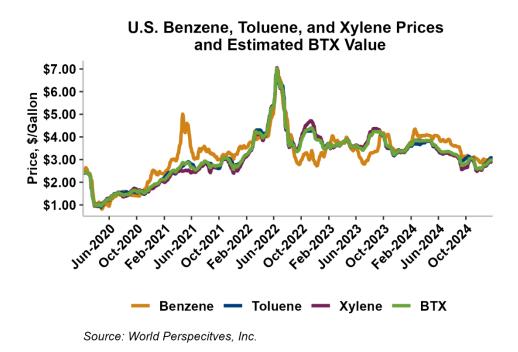
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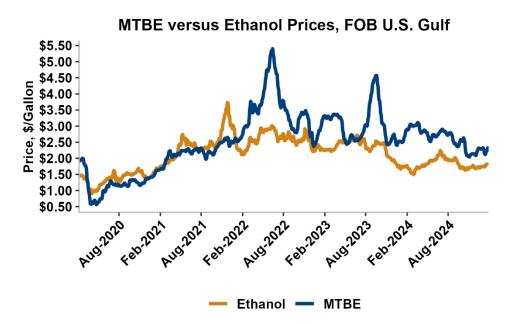




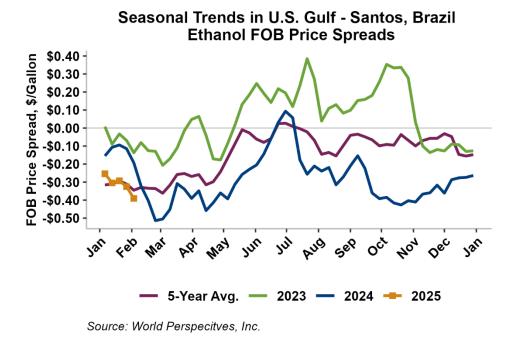


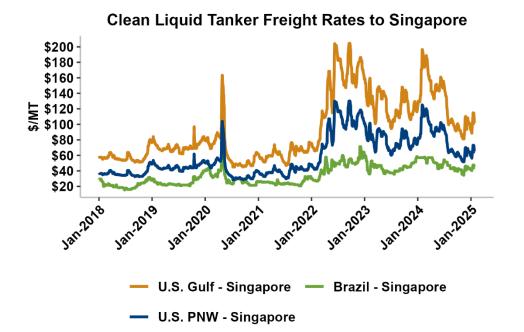
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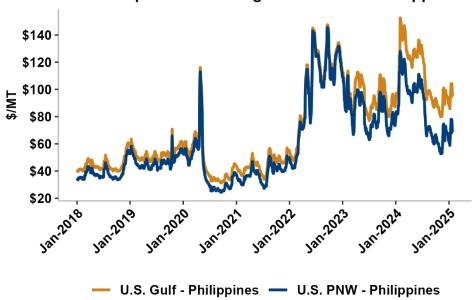




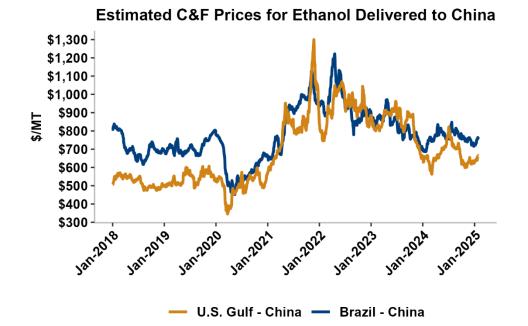
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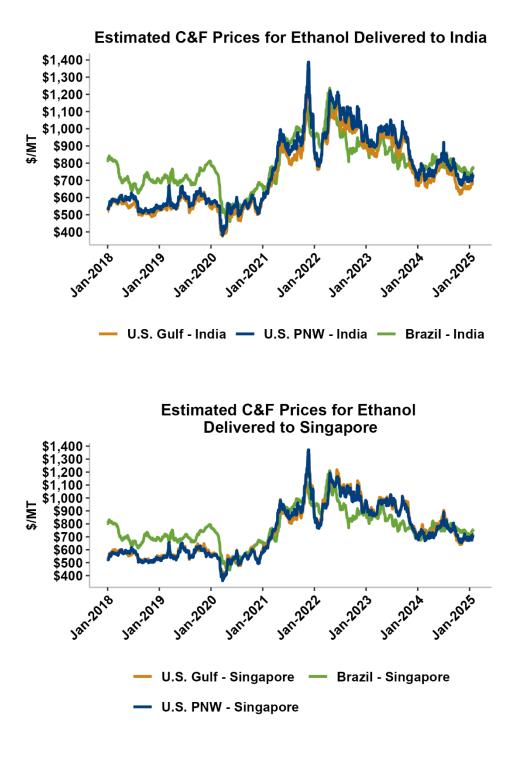


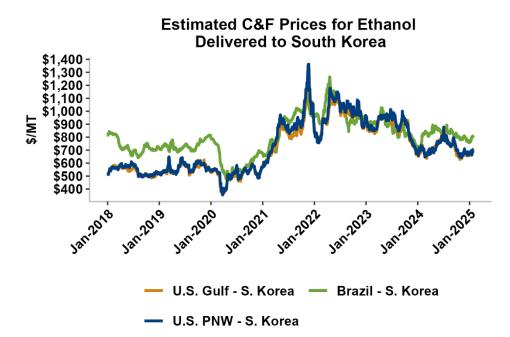




Clean Liquid Tanker Freight Rates to the Philippines







Tariff Rates

HS Codes				
HS Code	Description			
2207106010	Ethyl alcohol, undenatured, of an alcoholic strength by volume of 80 percent or higher, for fuel use.			
2207200010	Ethyl alcohol and other spirits, <i>denatured</i> , of any strength, <i>for fuel use.</i>			

Global Tariff Rates on U.S. Ethanol				
Country	US Code	Rates of Duty		Natas
Country	HS Code	General	Special	Notes
Angola	Undenatured Denatured	55% 55%	15% VAT	Tariffs on ethanol were lowered from 60% in 2024
Brazil	Undenatured Denatured	18% 18%	-	
Canada	Undenatured Denatured	-	5% VAT	USMCA
	Undenatured	65%		40% MFN rate + 25% Section 301 tariff
China	Denatured	70%	VAT on imports of 13%.	30% MFN rate + 15% Section 232 tariff + 25% Section 301 tariff. Starting 2 Mar. 2021, importers may apply for tariff exemptions.
Colombia	Undenatured - \$0.1997/gallon + 10% V/		\$0.1997/gallon + 10% VAT	In January 2023, the Colombian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism's (MINCIT) extended the 20-
	Denatured	-	\$0.1997/gallon + 10% VAT	cent CVD for 5 years.
Egypt	Undenatured	10%	Plus the larger of 150% or EGP15/L	
-0)1-	Denatured, for fuel use	10%	Plus the larger of 150% or EGP15/L	14% VAT
European	Denatured, not for fuel Undenatured	10%	- EUR 0.192/L	
Union	Denatured	-	EUR 0.192/L	Erga Omnes tariffs, plus 21% VAT
Ghana	Undenatured Denatured	20% 20%	VAT on imports of 15%	
India	Undenatured	150%	_	Domestic ethanol supplied to OMC's for blending is subject to a combined Central and State GST of 5%.
	Denatured	5%		Ethyl alcohol for other/industrial uses is subject to a combined Central and State GST of 18%.
Indonesia	Undenatured Denatured	30% 30%	-	Plus Excise duty of 20,000 IDR per L & 14% VAT
Japan	Undenatured Denatured	-	– JPY38.1/L	Plus 10% excise duty
Kenya	Undenatured Denatured	35% 35%	_	Plus 16% VAT & the greater of 4% or KES 5,000
Korea, South	Undenatured Denatured	-	VAT on imports of 10%	KORUS

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Country	HS Code	General	Special	– Notes	
Mexico	Undenatured Denatured	-	VAT on imports of 16%	USMCA	
Morocco	Undenatured Denatured	-	VAT on imports of 20%	U.SMorocco Free Trade Agreeme	
Nigeria	Undenatured Denatured	20% 10%	7.5% VAT on imports		
Oman	Undenatured Denatured	-	VAT on imports of 5%	U.SOman FTA	
Peru	Undenatured Denatured	-	VAT on imports of 18%	U.SPeru Trade Promotion Agreeme lowered U.S. import duties to 3% (denatured) and 0% (undenatured) Denatured duty down to 0% in 2018	
Philippines	Undenatured	-	-	1% additional duty imposed if import ethanol is to be used for fuel-blendin purposes under Philippine Fuel	
	Denatured	-	-	Ethanol Program.	
Saudi Arabia	Undenatured Denatured	5% 5%	VAT on imports of 15%	GCC common external tariff.	
Singapore	Undenatured	-	VAT on imports of 9%	SDG88/liter excise duty per L of pur alcohol.	
South Africa	Denatured Undenatured Denatured	-	ZAR3.17/L	Plus Excise duty of ZAR 274.39/L ar 15% VAT	
Taiwan	Undenatured Denatured	20% 20%	5% VAT		
Turkey	Undenatured Extr. from ag products, bulk Extr. from ag products, in immediate pickings Other, ethyl alcohol, bulk Denatured	45% 50% -	- - TRY19.2 / hl	VAT on imports of undenatured ethar of 20%	
	Extr. from ag products, bulk Extr. from ag products, in immediate pickings Other, ethyl alcohol, bulk	25% 30% -	- - TRY10.2 per % VOL per hl	Excise duty of TRY1,062.6209 / liter pure alcohol on all denatured alcoh imports.	
United Arab Emirates	Undenatured Denatured	5% 5%	VAT on imports of 5%	GCC common external tariff.	
Jnited Kingdom	Undenatured Denatured	-	GBP 16 per HL GBP 8.5 per HL	VAT on imports of 20%	
	Undenatured	10%		Lowered from 15% on 15 July 202	

Note: Unit of Quantity for tariffs is \$/liter unless otherwise noted.

Tariff Rate Database: If you are interested in tariff rate data for U.S. export markets, click here.

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Australia Biofuels Annual 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Australia.
Brazil Biofuels Annual 2024 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Brazil.
Canada Biofuels Annual 2024 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Canada.
China Biofuels Annual 2024 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in China.
Colombia Biofuels Annual 2024 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Colombia.
Ethanol Industry Emerging in Ecuador (GAIN)	This report highlights Ecuador's emerging ethanol industry.
EU-27 Biofuels Annual 2024 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in the EU-27.
EU-27: Biofuel Mandates in the EU by Member State in 2024 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on the biofuel use mandates in the EU member states and supplements the EU-27 Biofuels Annual Report.
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