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BIODIESEL – The new green treasure

The Brazilian government launched the program so-called Social Fuel Seal in 2005, a set of specific measures intended to encourage social inclusion through agriculture. This program gives the small growers the opportunity to produce raw material for the Biodiesel industries.

Biodiesel is a liquid fuel derived from renewable biomass, which replaces totally or partially the petro-diesel.

Brazil Biodiesel Program mandatory as of 2008 for the B2- mixture of Biodiesel represents an approximate volume of 840 million liters of Biodiesel. For the B5 mixture, mandatory as of 2013, a volume of 2.6 billion liters a year is estimated.

Biodiesel is produced from a variety of raw material, such as castor bean, dende palm, soybeans, peanuts, cotton, etc., animal fat, residual oil and fats.