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Export bans dirty fuels & pesticides



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- Manieren om jouw logistiek efficiënter en duurzamer te maken
- Inspiratie: deelnemers van de Green Deal aan het woord
- Aanbevelingen voor de Vlaamse overheid
- Tips, tricks, obstakels en oplossingen



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Teken onze petitie voor een leefbare omgeving rond Brussels Airport
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Double standards?



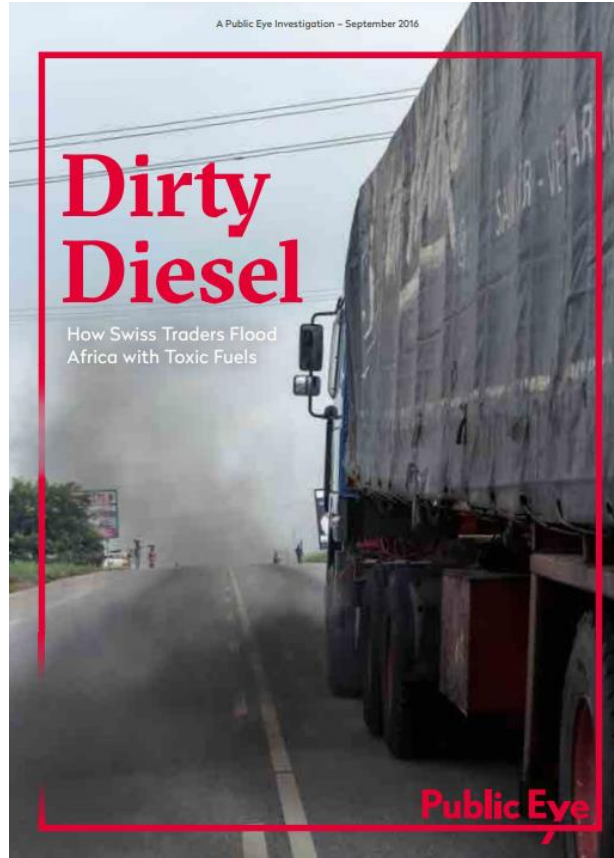
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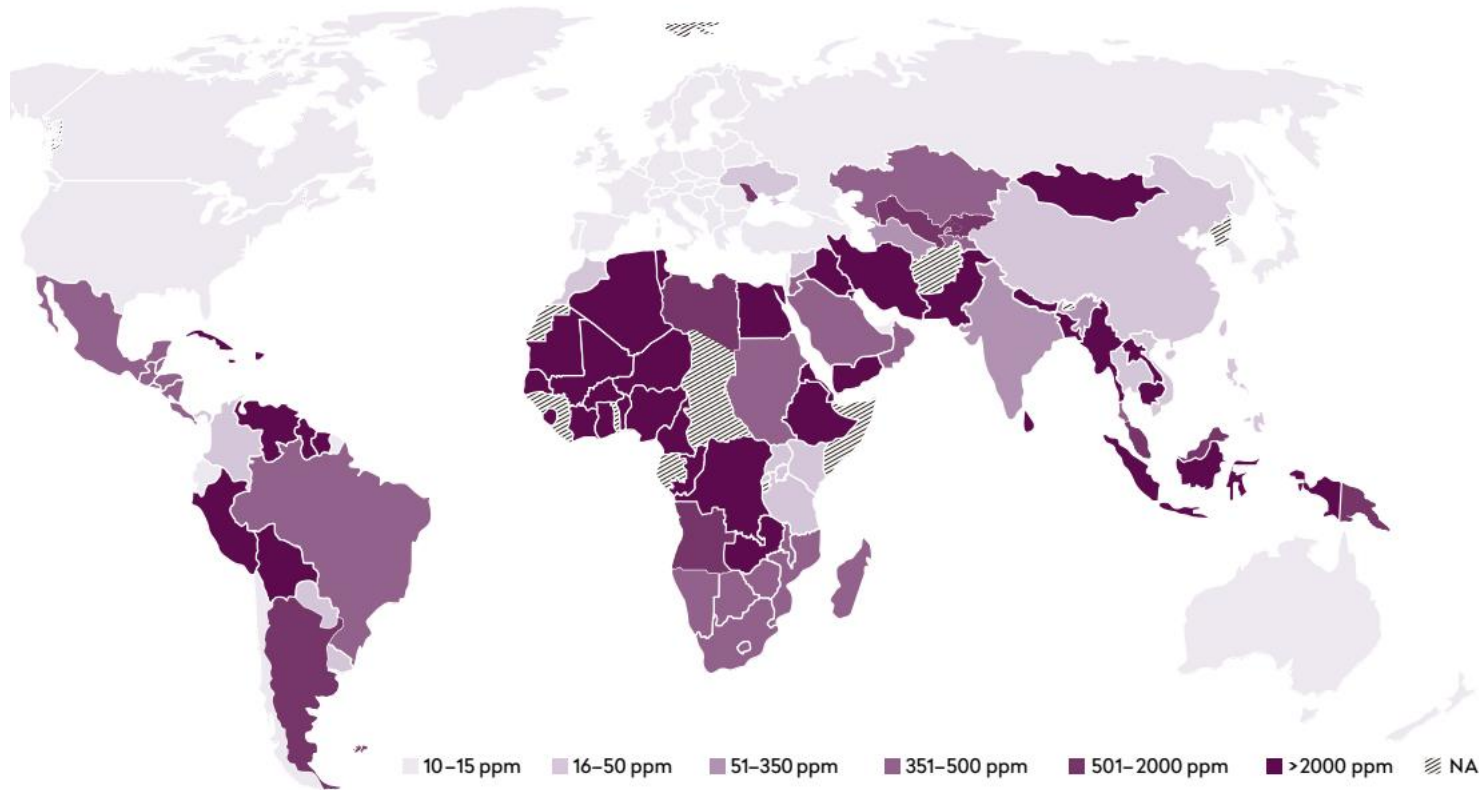
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- 2016
- How Swiss Traders Flood Africa with Toxic Fuels

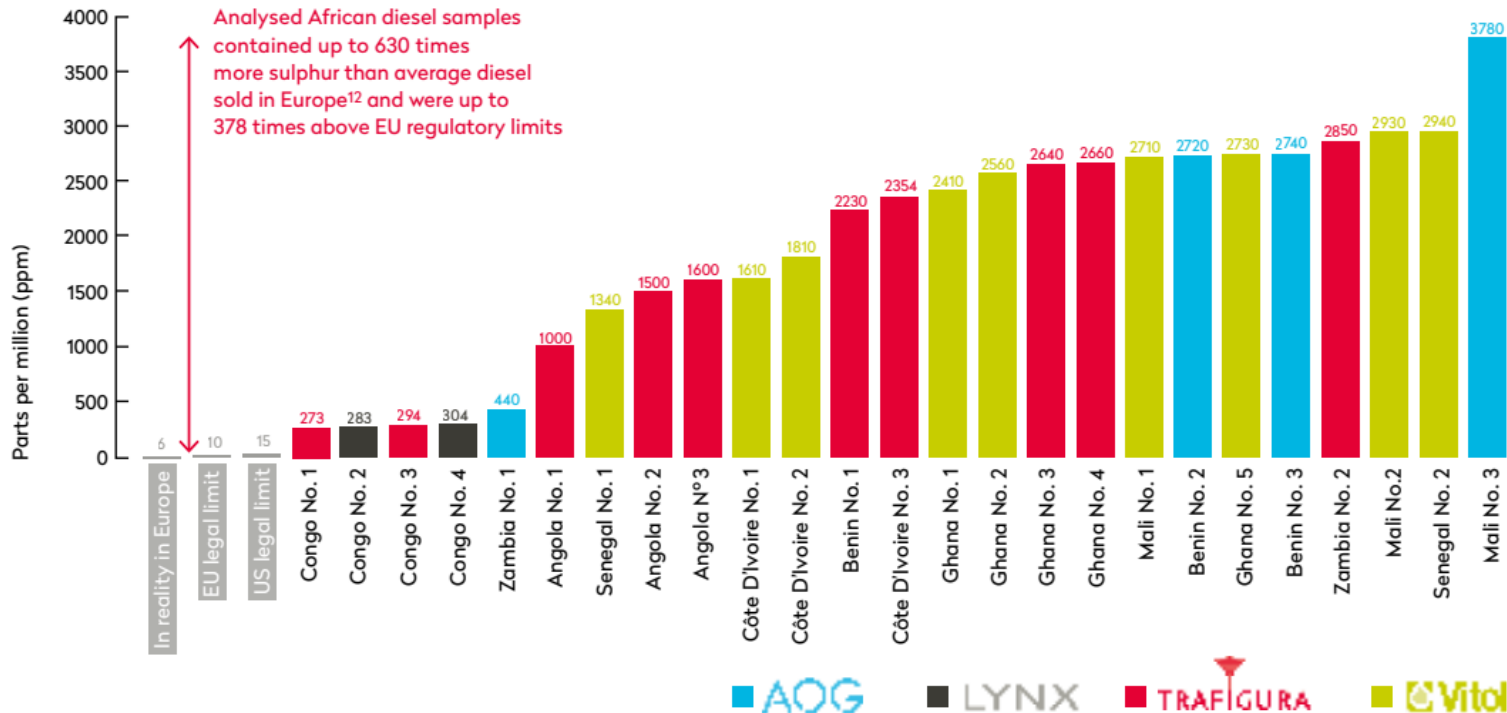
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Figure 3.3 – Sulphur limits in diesel (December 2015)



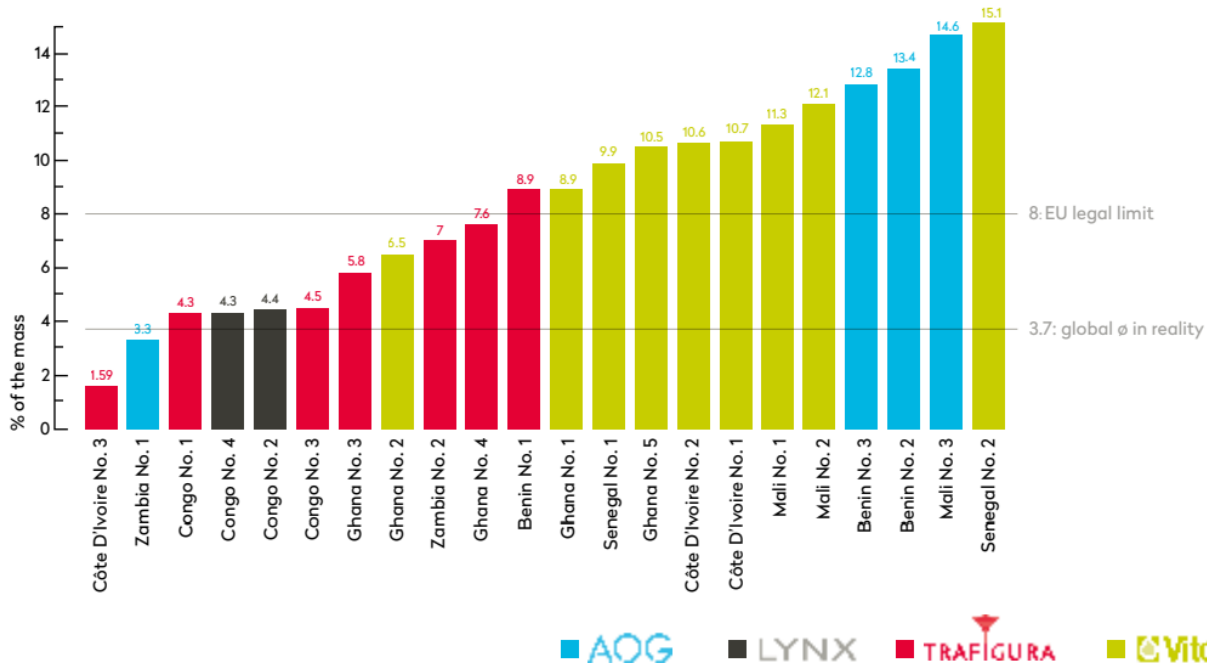
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Figure 6.1 – Sulphur levels in diesel samples, by trading company (ppm)



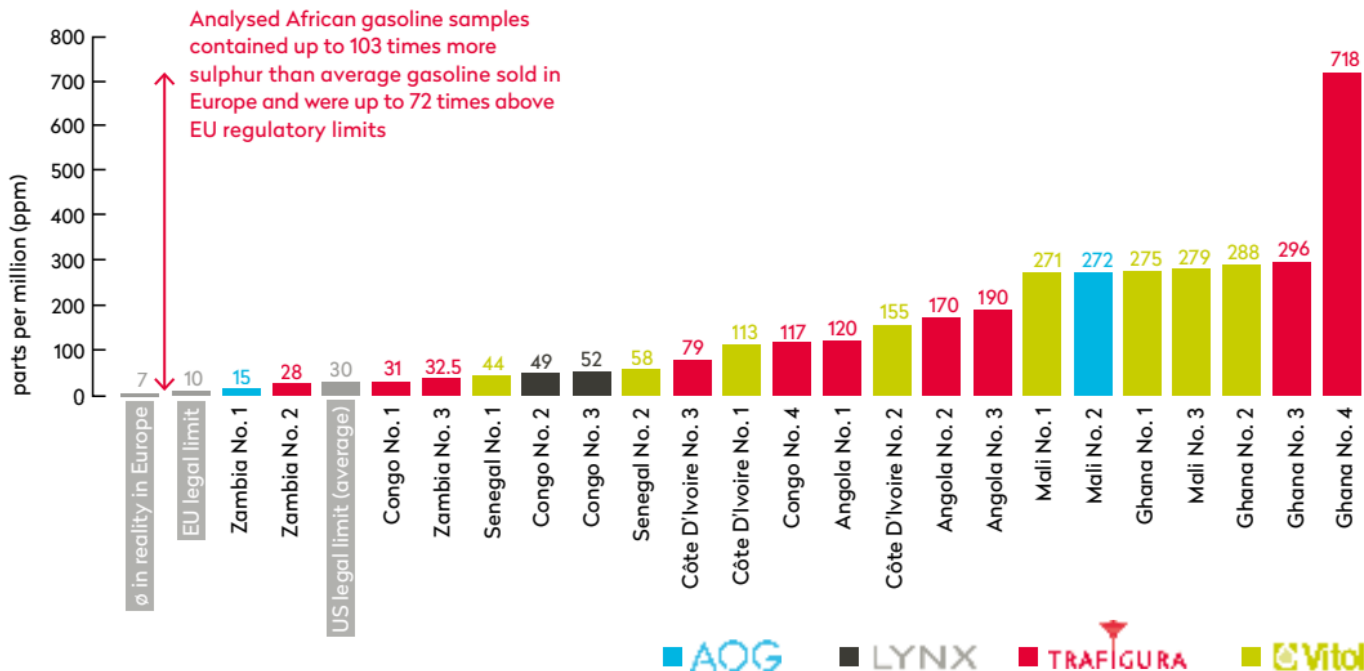
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Figure 6.3 – PAH levels in African diesel samples, by trading company (%m)



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Figure 6.5 – Sulphur levels in African gasoline samples, by trading companies (ppm)



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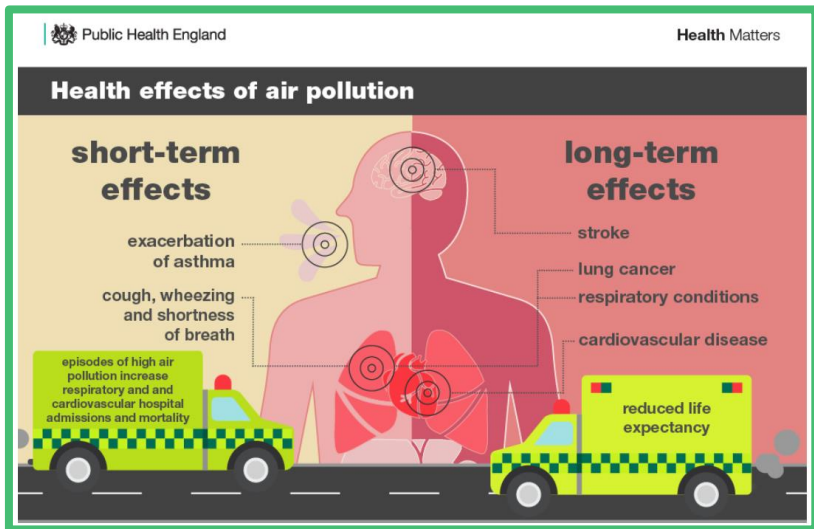
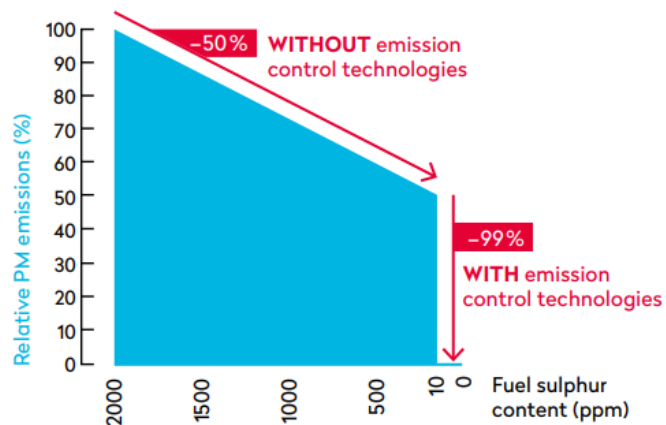


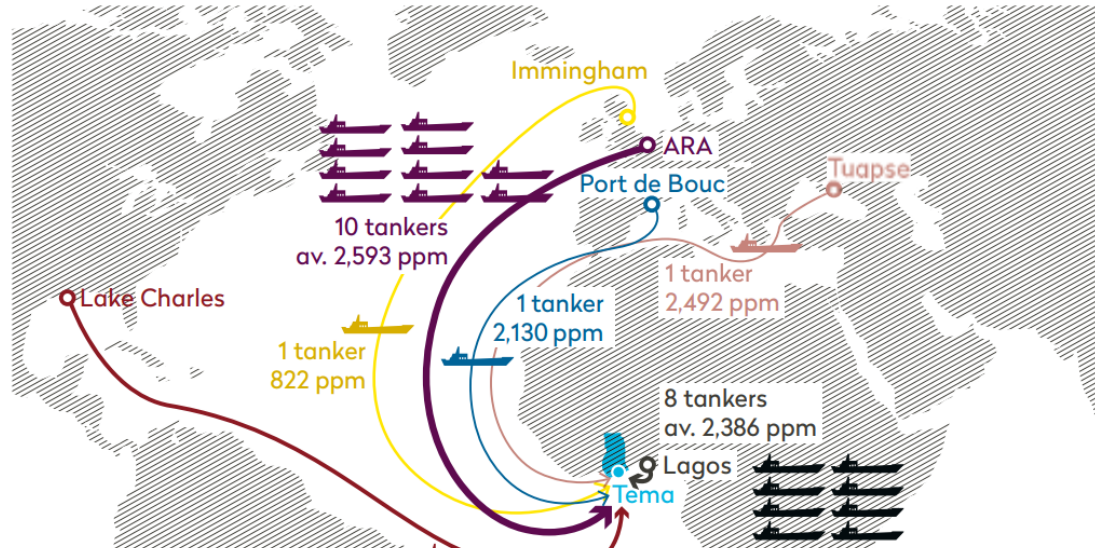
Figure 3.4 – Lowering sulphur reduces vehicle emissions



Emission control technologies become fully effective only at 10–15 ppm or less. This is why it is impossible to clean the air without first removing sulphur from fuels. | SOURCE: UNEP and ICCT

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Figure 7.5 – Provenance of diesel entering Ghana (2014)



> Around 50 percent of fuel imported to West Africa comes from the ARA region. Some 90 percent of the diesel has sulphur content at least 100 times above the European standard.

putting people before
profit

Call for action (2016):

1. **African governments:** fuel quality **standards**
2. **Swiss trading companies:** stop selling **bad quality fuels** with damaging health impacts
3. **Governments of export hubs:** **prohibit export** of damaging products
4. **Swiss government:** mandatory human rights and environmental **due diligence** requirements for Swiss companies, covering the entire supply chain

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Ook Antwerpen genoemd in schandaal rond gifbenzine

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Wanneer pakt Antwerpen zijn “vuile” olie-export aan?



Goele Geeraert
07 december 2016

 Volgen

SP.A en Groen vragen stopzetting export "vuile diesel" naar West-Afrika

De SP.A en Groen vragen de onmiddellijke stopzetting van de export van "vuile diesel" naar West-Afrika via de haven van Antwerpen. De gevolgen voor de mens en het milieu zijn enorm en toch gebeurt het al jaren. Gisteren bevestigde het Centrum voor Internationaal Milieurecht dat de export ook daadwerkelijk illegaal is en dat wil zeggen dat er ook tegen kan worden opgetreden.

Ellen Maarevoet

di 07 feb 2017 © 08:40

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Action?

- **Marc Van Peel (CD&V):** “Want to **investigate** whether and how Antwerp plays a role in this.”
- **Geert Bourgeois (NV-A):** “we will actively cooperate in seeking a solution”, “committed to a joint approach with the NL.”



Export dirty fuels - The Netherlands in the lead



Stookolie voor zeeschepen Autobrandstoffen voor West-Afrika

Blended in the Netherlands
Datum 8 juni 2018

TNO report

TNO 2020 R11950

Petrol fuel quality and its effects on the vehicle
technology and the environment

2021: The ILT calls on companies to
fulfill their **social responsibility** and
duty of care.

CONFERENCE

High-Level African Petroleum Ministers Meeting on Cleaner Fuels

29 - 30 November 2022
Nairobi, Kenya

The following are the recommendations of the High-Level African Petroleum Ministers Meeting on Cleaner Fuels

- 1) Oil importing** countries are urged to: target 1 July 2023 for national implementation of **50 ppm** petrol and diesel fuel standard.
- 6) Countries exporting** oil to Africa are urged to export cleaner fuels with **maximum 50 ppm sulphur** – with a **target date of 1 July 2023**.



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NL: dirty fuels banned from 1/4/2023

Gasoline

- sulphur: **max 50 ppm**
- benzene: max 1% (v/v)
- manganese: max 2 mg/L

Diesel

- sulphur: **max 50 ppm**

Trouw

**Nederland verbiedt export
van vuile autobrandstoffen
naar Afrika**



Verkeersdrukte in Lagos, Nigeria. Veel van de brandstof in dat land wordt geïmporteerd en bevat teveel zwavel en benzeen. Beeld ANP / AFP

ILT notes cleaner fuel to West Africa from the Netherlands

News | 14-11-2023 | 09:00

- **Cleaner fuels are exported**
- **Trend influenced by:**
 - Russian invasion → less export
 - Abolishment of Nigeria's petrol subsidy scheme
- **Total petrol export from NL: stable**

Antwerp: new dirty fuel export champion?

ONDERZOEK

Antwerpen steekt Amsterdam en Rotterdam voorbij in export 'dirty diesel'

17 januari 2024

Steven Vanden Bussche, Marian Ansh, Bram Logger

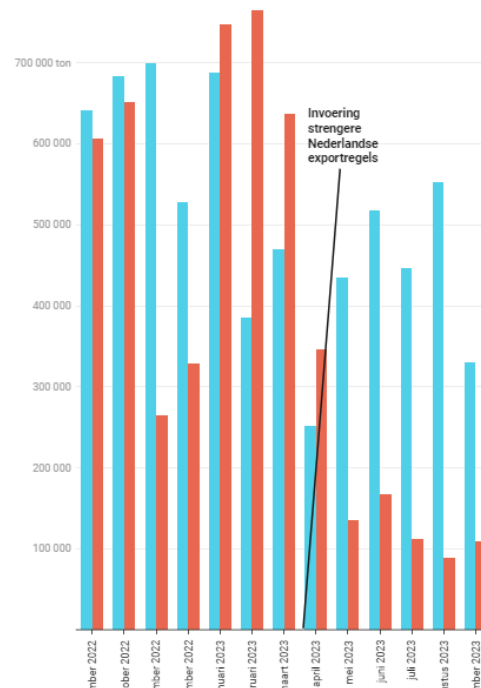


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Vanuit Antwerpen vertrok de voorbije maanden meer 'dirty diesel' dan vanuit Amsterdam

Sinds april 2023 gelden in Nederland strengere exportregels voor brandstoffen.

Antwerpen Amsterdam



BE also bans dirty fuel export

BE Royal Decree (15/5/2024)

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Next:

- Shift to other metals
- Monitoring & enforcement
- Ban at EU level

Exclusive: Belgium drafting new fuel quality law targeting exports to Africa

By Robert Harvey and Ahmad Ghaddar

November 2, 2023 1:24 PM GMT+1 · Updated a year ago

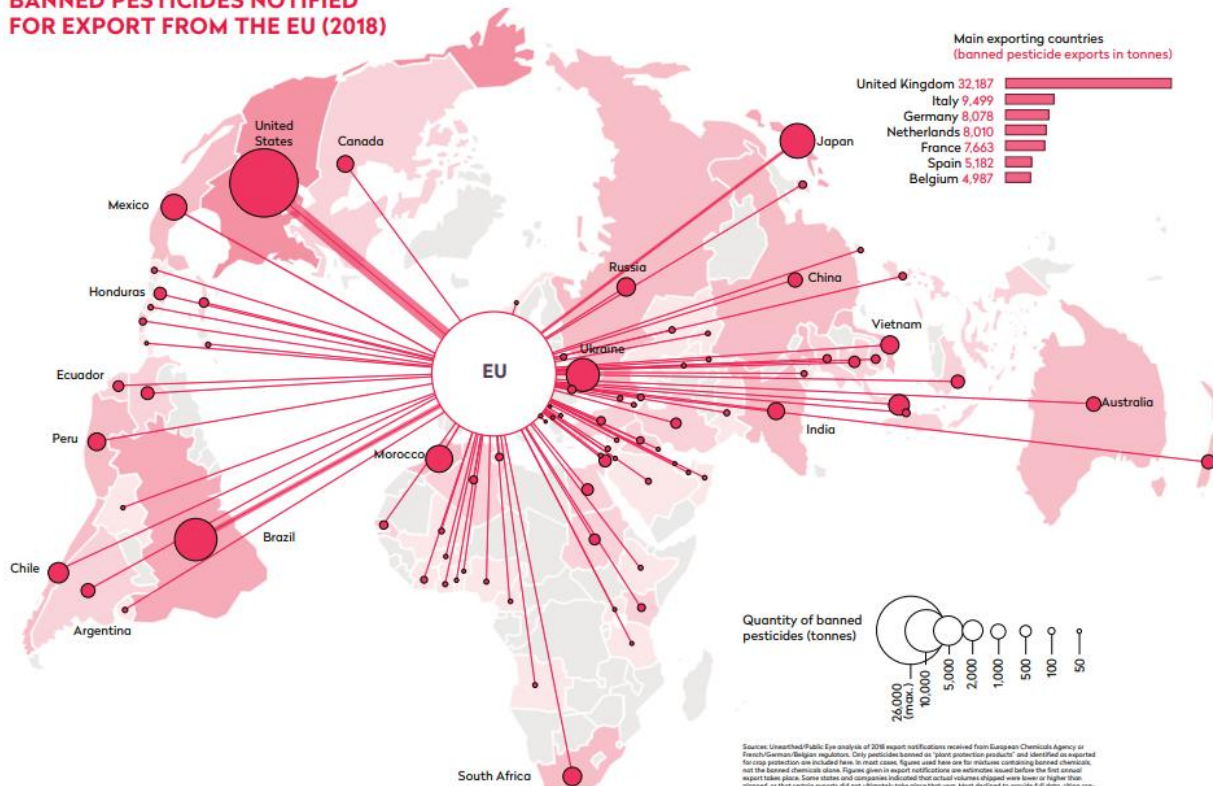


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BANNED PESTICIDES NOTIFIED FOR EXPORT FROM THE EU (2018)



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- **BE:** major exporter of forbidden pesticides to extra-EU countries
- **Syngenta:** export of **neonicotinoids** (thiametoxam) to Brazil x6 between 2020 and 2021
- **Re-importation** via residues imported food products

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- **2020 European Commission:** “hazardous chemicals banned in the European Union” are no longer “produced for export”, **but no concrete action**
- FR: export ban in 2022
- BE: **more comprehensive** export ban since June 2023
- Reallocation to DE
- **Ban at EU level needed**

3. Export dirty pesticides - arguments from industry

“This will destroy the industry”

“It won’t have an impact on importing countries, they will get it from somewhere else”

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EU pesticides export ban: what could be the consequences?

An investigation into the arguments and rationales for the export of selected highly toxic pesticides



Stopping the export of EU-banned pesticides won't harm the European economy & will benefit third countries

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TOXIC DOUBLE STANDARDS

How Europe sells products deemed too dangerous for Europeans to the rest of the world.

- **Unsafe toys, polluting single-use plastics, chemicals, cars, short-lived phones, ...**
- **Good practices:**
 - **EU Regulation prohibiting goods produced with forced labour**
 - **EU Regulation on mercury**

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Thank you!

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