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## North American Renderers Association Supports Renewable Fuel for Ocean-Going Vessels Act

**ALEXANDRIA, VA, March 7, 2025** –The North American Renderers Association (NARA) strongly supports the [Renewable Fuel for Ocean-Going Vessels Act](#), a critical legislative step toward reducing carbon emissions in the maritime sector while expanding the market for sustainable biofuels. By designating renewable fuel used in ocean-going vessels as an “additional renewable fuel” under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), this legislation will promote low-carbon alternatives, reduce reliance on fossil fuels, and encourage innovation in renewable energy.

The rendering industry plays a vital role in the circular economy, transforming animal byproducts into valuable feedstocks for renewable fuels, including sustainable marine biofuels. By ensuring that companies can generate and use Renewable Identification Number (RIN) credits for biodiesel and renewable diesel used in ocean-going vessels, this legislation will incentivize the adoption of cleaner fuel alternatives and enhance energy security.

Under current regulations, the Renewable Fuel Standard excludes “fuel used in ocean-going vessels” from the definition of transportation fuels and from refiners’ and blenders’ obligations, requiring them to retire RINs from biodiesel and renewable diesel used in vessels with Class 3 engines operating in international waters. The Environmental Protection Agency, however, allows companies to generate and use RINs for “additional renewable fuel,” which currently includes heating oil and jet fuel. The Renewable Fuel for Ocean-Going Vessels Act would expand this definition to include marine fuel, allowing companies to use or sell RINs associated with biodiesel and renewable diesel in ocean-going vessels.

NARA’s President and CEO, Kent Swisher, said “By passing this legislation, Congress can support the maritime industry’s transition to cleaner energy while bolstering domestic industries that contribute to a circular and climate-friendly economy.”

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### About the North American Renderers Association

The North American Renderers Association (NARA) represents the interests of the North American rendering industry to regulatory and other governmental agencies, promotes the greater use of animal byproducts, and fosters the opening and expansion of trade between foreign buyers and North American exporters. In addition to its U.S.-based headquarters, the association maintains offices in strategic locations around the world. NARA publishes a bi-monthly trade magazine, *Render*. For more information, visit [www.nara.org](http://www.nara.org).

