

Stratas Advisors Announces Top 100 Ranking in Gasoline Sulfur Limits



HOUSTON, Aug. 8, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Stratas Advisors consultancy and advisory released their annual report last week ranking the top 100 countries limiting sulfur-use in gasoline. The report cites several countries improving their gasoline quality through new regulatory policies that reduce the levels of sulfur in gasoline among other qualities, such as aromatics, olefins and volatility.

"A record 14 countries and a territory state have made great advances in gasoline sulfur reduction with sulfur limits ranging between 10 -150 ppm, resulting in their addition or rise in the Top 100, " said Stratas Advisors' Director of Global Fuel Specifications, Huiming Li.

For decades, policymakers and industry leaders have placed emphasis on reducing sulfur limits in fuels to prevent environmental and health effects caused by fuel combustion. Since January 2009, the European Union required 100% market penetration of sulfur-free fuels - less than 10 ppm - which has positioned these countries as the top 40 leaders in sulfur reduction. Germany, which led the way with full market penetration in 2003, continues to reign at No. 1.

Fourteen countries and a territory state climbed in their 2018 ranking - four more than last year's 10 countries that made the climb. These countries and the territory state include:

- Costa Rica
- Indonesia
- Malawi
- Mayotte

Mongolia
Mozambique
Myanmar
New Zealand
Nigeria
Peru
Philippines
Singapore
Ukraine
U.A.E.

Six countries were newly added to the Top 100 ranking for the first time as a result of implementing 10-150 ppm sulfur limits over 2016-2018. Peru jumped the farthest with 87 places, followed by Mozambique (78 places) and Costa Rica (66 places). Several countries, including top gasoline markets like Brazil, did not alter their gasoline specifications but fell in their rankings due to others implementing stricter sulfur limits and succeeding in the ranks.

For more information about the Top 100 Ranking on Gasoline Sulfur Limits, view the article [here](#) or contact Huiming Li (hli@stratasadvisors.com).