

International Drivers: South America / Brazil

ANSI Biofuels Standards Panel (ANSI-BSP) Inaugural Meeting

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Brazil: Long experience with ethanol

- 30 year history of development
 - 1975 National Alcohol Program
 - 1979 Ethanol Cars Production
- Road to energy self-sufficiency
 - >25% admixture of EtOH by Law
 - >40% of fuel used for transportation
 - 4.3 billion gallons per year production
- □ Successful technology development
 - 1979 Ethanol only cars
 - 2001 FFV production started
 - − >70% of passenger cars sold are FFVs
- Drive to expand bioethanol market and exports
 - 2000 4.5 Mtons Sugarcane exports 200 Ktons Ethanol exports
 - 2004 9.5 Mtons Sugarcane exports
 1.8 Mtons Ethanol exports



US-Brazil Commercial Dialogue

- Commerce Secretary Gutierrez and MDIC Minister Furlan
 - Meeting in Rio de Janeiro, June 2006
 - Meeting in Washington, DC, November 2006
 - Four WGs formed one on Standards
- Workshop on Measurements and Standards for Biofuels
 - September 2006, Rio de Janeiro
 - Jointly organized by INMETRO and NIST
- ☐ Digital Video Conference (DVC) series
 - ITA/NIST and INMETRO exchange information via DVC to promote a better understanding of the standards, conformity assessment and regulatory systems in each country
 - Three DVCs held Aug. 2006, Dec. 2006, March 2007
 - Future DVC planned on Biofuels



INMETRO-NIST Workshop

- Workshop on Measurements and Standards for Biofuels
 - September 14-15, 2006, Rio de Janeiro
 - Jointly organized by INMETRO and NIST
 - Strong participation by Brazilian biofuels industry and government agencies

☐ Conclusions:

- Review biofuels specifications to increase compatibility
- Review materials compatibility data and testing technology
- Evaluate reference methods, available CRMs and field methods
- Evaluate thermophysical property data needs



US - Brazil MOU to Advance Cooperation on Biofuels

MOU Signed on March 9, 2007, during President Bush's visit to Brazil. Three-pronged approach:

- ☐ Bilateral:
 - Advance R&D on next-generation biofuels technology
 - Leverage existing cooperative efforts
- Third Countries:
 - Bring benefits of biofuels to select third countries
 - Focus on Central America and the Caribbean
- ☐ Global:
 - Expand the biofuels marketplace through cooperation on the establishment of uniform standards and codes
 - Leverage existing cooperation between INMETRO and NIST



UN International Biofuels Forum

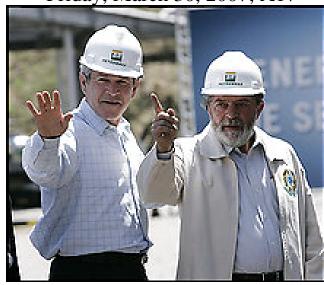
- Launched on March 2, 2007
- Members: Brazil, China, India, South Africa, US, EC
- Objective: Initiate a mechanism for dialogue among biggest producers and consumers of biofuels
- Development and sustained use of biofuels would contribute to social and economic development, diversifying energy sources while reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- ☐ Two WGs:
 - Information Exchange
 - Standards and Codes



Other Events

- ☐ International Conference on Biofuels Standards
 - Brussels, February 2007
- ☐ President Lula's visit to the US
 - March 30, 2007
- International Conference on Biofuels
 - Brussels, July 5-6, 2007
 - President Lula visiting EU, July 4, 2007
 - International Biofuels Forum Meeting ?
- INMETRO/NIST Symposium on Biofuels
 - Washington, DC, June 28-29, 2007

- •Washington Post Column
- •Our Biofuels Partnership By Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva Friday, March 30, 2007; A17





Biofuels Standards: Greater Compatibility?

- Follow up to the Brussels Meeting and the ANSI-NIST Meeting
- Forming two WGs: Bioethanol and Biodiesel
- □ Objectives:
 - Identify areas within existing standards where greater compatibility can be achieved in the short and long term
 - Identify the need for additional performance data
 - Review consistency of test methods to ensure comparability of results
 - Analyze costs and benefits of modifying existing standards
 - Make recommendations to develop consistent terminology

