

# TESCO: STOP TRASHING THE PLANET FOR BIOFUELS!

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## **WHAT'S WRONG WITH BIOFUELS?** (more details overleaf)

- **Biofuels worsen rather than help tackle climate change**
- **Biofuels destroy rainforests**
- **Biofuels steal land and push up food prices**
- **Biofuels lead to human rights abuses and refugees**
- **Biofuels put European wildlife at risk**



## **WHAT'S IT GOT TO DO WITH YOU?**

**As a Tesco's customer, your opinion matters to the company and you can influence its policies. Please use your influence now.**

## **WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

- **Do not buy biofuels** unless made out of waste materials, e.g. chip fat.
- Use the form overleaf and/or email customer.service@tesco.co.uk to **put pressure on Tesco to stop promoting biofuels.**
- **Write to your MP** and demand that the government stops promoting biofuels and suspends the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation, which introduces compulsory biofuel blending from April 2008. (Find your MP on [www.writetothem.com](http://www.writetothem.com))
- **Find out more:** [www.biofuelwatch.org.uk](http://www.biofuelwatch.org.uk)

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To Terry Leahy, CEO of Tesco  
c/o Customer Services

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Dear Mr Leahy,

As a Tesco's customer I am alarmed to learn that through Greenenergy you are investing in biofuels produced from palm-oil, soya and sugar cane. Biofuels from primary sources are already causing more harm than good for the environment and communities across the globe. I don't think that your company wants to be seen as the market leader of environmental and social destruction and therefore I call on you to pull investment out of Greenenergy and to stop promoting biofuels.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:

Name: .....

Address: .....

- Biofuel production from primary sources often causes greater global warming emissions than the equivalent for fossil fuels.
- Biofuels are becoming the main reason for rainforest destruction. Rainforests are important for "climate stabilisation" and cutting them is the quickest way to make climate change worse.
- Diverting huge quantities of food to cars is a sure way of making people go hungry. Food prices are rising due to biofuels causing the poor to suffer more malnutrition. The UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Jean Ziegler has called this a "crime against humanity".
- 60 million people may soon become "biofuel refugees"—people forced off their land to make way for huge areas of biofuel crops. For example, in Argentina, about 150,000 rural families have been made to leave their land by soya companies.
- In Europe, "set-asides" have been scrapped following strong lobbying from the biofuel industry. Our much-loved birds such as the sky lark and lapwing are at risk.

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