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Table A shows the origin of amendments to this ICAO document over time, together with a list of the principal subjects involved and the dates on which the amendments were approved by the Council.

**Table A. Amendments to the ICAO document “CORSA Default Life Cycle Emissions Values for CORSA Eligible Fuels”**

<i>Amendment</i>	<i>Source(s)</i>	<i>Subject(s)</i>	<i>Approved</i>
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## **CORSIA DEFAULT LIFE CYCLE EMISSIONS VALUES FOR CORSIA ELIGIBLE FUELS**

### **1. ACRONYMS**

ATJ	Alcohol-to-jet
CO <sub>2</sub> e	Carbon dioxide equivalent
FT	Fischer-Tropsch
HEFA	Hydroprocessed esters and fatty acids
ILUC	Induced land use change
LCA	Life cycle assessment
LS <sub>f</sub>	Life cycle emissions factor for a CORSIA Eligible fuel in gCO <sub>2</sub> e/MJ
MSW	Municipal Solid Waste
NBC	Non-biogenic carbon
SIP	Synthetic iso-paraffin

**Table 1. CORSIA Default Life Cycle Emissions Values for CORSIA Eligible Fuels**

Fuel Conversion Process	Region	Fuel Feedstock	Core LCA Value	ILUC LCA Value	LS <sub>f</sub> (gCO <sub>2</sub> e/MJ)
Fischer-Tropsch (FT)	Global	Agricultural residues	7.7	0.0	7.7
	Global	Forestry residues	8.3		8.3
	Global	Municipal solid waste (MSW), 0% non-biogenic carbon (NBC)	5.2		5.2
	Global	Municipal solid waste (MSW) (NBC given as a percentage of the non-biogenic carbon content)	NBC*170.5 + 5.2		NBC*170.5 + 5.2
	USA	Poplar (short-rotation woody crops)	12.2	-5.2	7.0
	USA	Miscanthus (herbaceous energy crops)	10.4	-32.9	-22.5
	EU	Miscanthus (herbaceous energy crops)	10.4	-22.0	-11.6
	USA	Switchgrass (herbaceous energy crops)	10.4	-3.8	6.6
Hydroprocessed esters and fatty acids (HEFA)	Global	Tallow	22.5	0.0	22.5
	Global	Used cooking oil	13.9		13.9
	Global	Palm fatty acid distillate	20.7		20.7
	Global	Corn oil (from dry mill ethanol plant)	17.2		17.2
	USA	Soybean oil	40.4	24.5	64.9
	Brazil	Soybean oil	40.4	27.0	67.4
	EU	Rapeseed oil	47.4	24.1	71.5
	Malaysia & Indonesia	Palm oil – closed pond	37.4	39.1	76.5
	Malaysia & Indonesia	Palm oil – open pond	60.0	39.1	99.1
Alcohol (isobutanol) to jet (ATJ)	Global	Agricultural residues	29.3	0.0	29.3
	Global	Forestry residues	23.8		23.8
	Brazil	Sugarcane	24.0	7.3	31.3
	USA	Corn grain	55.8	22.1	77.9
	USA	Miscanthus (herbaceous energy crops)	43.4	-54.1	-10.7
	EU	Miscanthus (herbaceous energy crops)	43.4	-31.0	12.4
	USA	Switchgrass (herbaceous energy crops)	43.4	-14.5	28.9
Alcohol (ethanol) to jet (ATJ)	Brazil	Sugarcane	24.1	8.7	32.8
	USA	Corn grain	65.7	25.1	90.8
Synthesized iso-paraffins (SIP)	Brazil	Sugarcane	32.8	11.3	44.1
	EU	Sugar beet	32.4	20.2	52.6

*Note.— The CORSIA Supporting Document “CORSIA Eligible Fuels - Life Cycle Assessment Methodology” describes the methodologies used by ICAO to calculate these Default Life Cycle Emissions Values, as well as the process for requesting the inclusion of a new conversion process, feedstock, and/or region on this table.*

During the pilot phase, negative ILUC values, as shown above, will be provisionally allowed to obtain a negative LS<sub>f</sub>. A decision on whether to continue allowing negative LS<sub>f</sub> values, due to reductions from negative ILUC, will be made by the end of the pilot phase.