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Refuse-derived fuel boosts Malmö's container volumes

Ships call at Malmö every week with containers of refuse-derived fuel, known as RDF. The containers are unloaded at CMP for onward transport to Sysav's waste-to-energy plant, where the waste is converted into electricity and heat. The operation got underway earlier this year and is based on import of refuse-derived fuel from England.

“From CMP’s side, we are delighted to offer a really beneficial logistics solution, with the port’s strategic location, our tailored services and the proximity to Sysav’s plant constituting a totality,” says Ann-Charlotte Halldén

Åkeson, Key Account Manager, Copenhagen Malmö Port.

The Bertling Enviro trading house, which signed a contract with Sysav early this year, is behind the initiative. It is based on handling 100,000 tonnes of refuse-derived fuel over three years.

“Every business transaction is different, and to be successful must be tailored according to the conditions that pertain. This applies not least to logistics solutions, where large volumes must be managed efficiently and flexibly in terms of operations and costs. The collaboration with CMP is an important factor here”, says Niklas Amour, Director of Bertling Enviro AB

“The port’s geographic location and operational conditions have not just facilitated the current agreement with Sysav, but also create opportunities for new business in the future, for both imports and exports,” he continues.

The shipping company, MacAndrews transports containers with refuse-derived fuel from England.

“Our objective is to provide goods owners with solutions for Intra-Europa traffic which keep rubber tyres to a minimum! Our transport solution produces very low marginal emissions of greenhouse gases and ensures a constant inflow of fuel for the CPH plant. The solution removes long distance lorries from the roads and generates economies of scale from which other importers and exporters also benefit. We are highly delighted with the result,” says Roy Hayward, Logistics & Operations Manager within MacAndrews.

“We have put the solution in place thanks to our collaborative partners sharing our visions. Successful logistics solutions are based on innovation, inventiveness and courage. The shipping container has an important function to fulfil in the future when it comes to large Intra-Europe volumes, and in the work of transitioning to more climate-smart transportation,” he continues.

Refuse Derived FuelRDF stands for Refuse-Derived Fuel. The handling of RDF contributes to a reduction in global emissions of greenhouse gases. A drop in the amount of waste that goes to landfill delivers a reduction in emissions of landfill gas. At the same time, energy is produced when the waste is

incinerated, replacing energy production which would have otherwise consumed other natural resources.

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