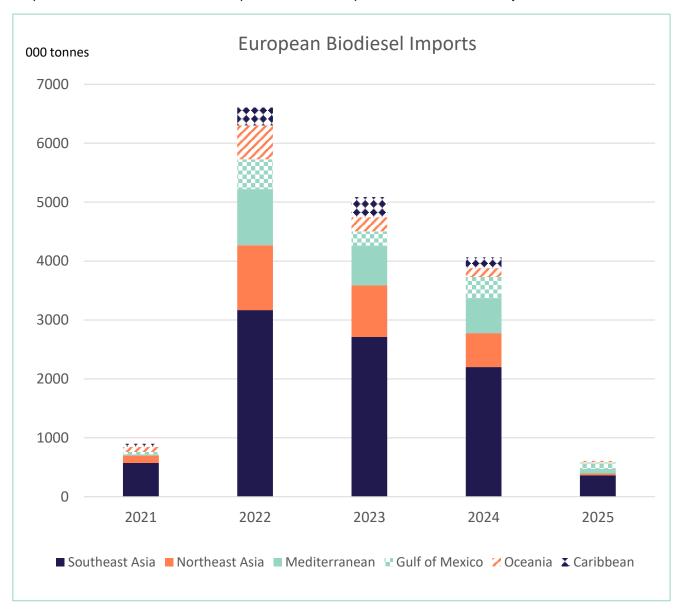


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## 2025: European Deep-Sea Biodiesel Imports on a Fall

European deep-sea biodiesel imports have been steadily declining in recent years. In 2021, imports of biodiesel feedstocks stood at 899,000 tonnes, before surging to 6.6 million tonnes in 2022 due to rising demand and a strong push for clean energy. The European Union's Renewable Energy Directive (RED) further reinforced the integration of renewable fuels into the transport sector. However, this trend has since reversed, with deep-sea biodiesel imports falling to 5.0 million tonnes in 2023 and further to 4.0 million tonnes in 2024. The decline has been driven by disruptions in global trade, particularly the Red Sea crisis, which has increased tonne-mile costs and elevated freight rates, discouraging European importers from sourcing biodiesel from Southeast Asia, which is the region's primary supplier. Additionally, the imposition of anti-dumping duties on biodiesel imports from China has further reduced shipments from the region into Europe in 2024. So far in 2025, European biodiesel imports have amounted to just 608,000 tonnes.



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