

EVOLUTION OF DELIVERIES OF UNLEADED MOTOR SPIRIT

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In 1998, the share of unleaded motor spirit deliveries rose from 75% in 1997 to 78% of total motor spirit deliveries in the European Union, continuing the steady trend of greater use of lead-free petrol in the Member States (Figure 1). In addition, following a downward trend in recent years, overall deliveries of motor spirit rose by 3% to reach 1994 levels (Figure 3).

In the meantime, market penetration of unleaded motor spirit has reached 100% in Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Austria, Finland and Sweden. In Luxembourg, Ireland, Belgium and the United Kingdom this was 90%, 85%, 83% and 78% respectively. However, deliveries of unleaded motor spirit are less than 70% of total deliveries in five Member States: France 61%, Italy 56%, Portugal 54%, Greece 48% and Spain 48% (Figure 1). Share of leaded motor spirit is continuously decreasing in these five Member States (Figure 4).

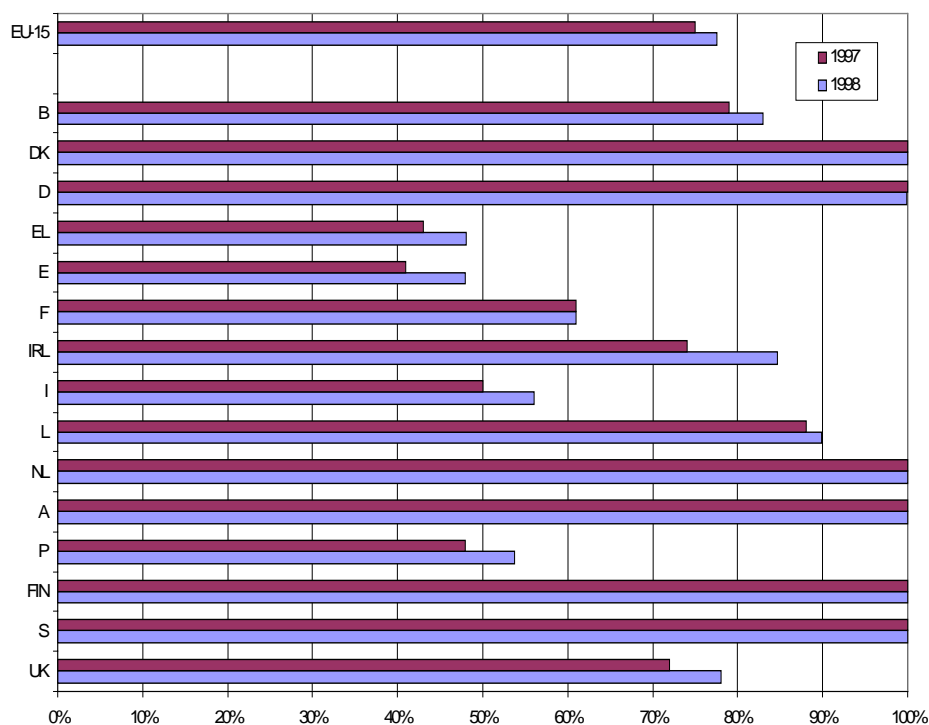


Figure 1: Share of unleaded motor spirit



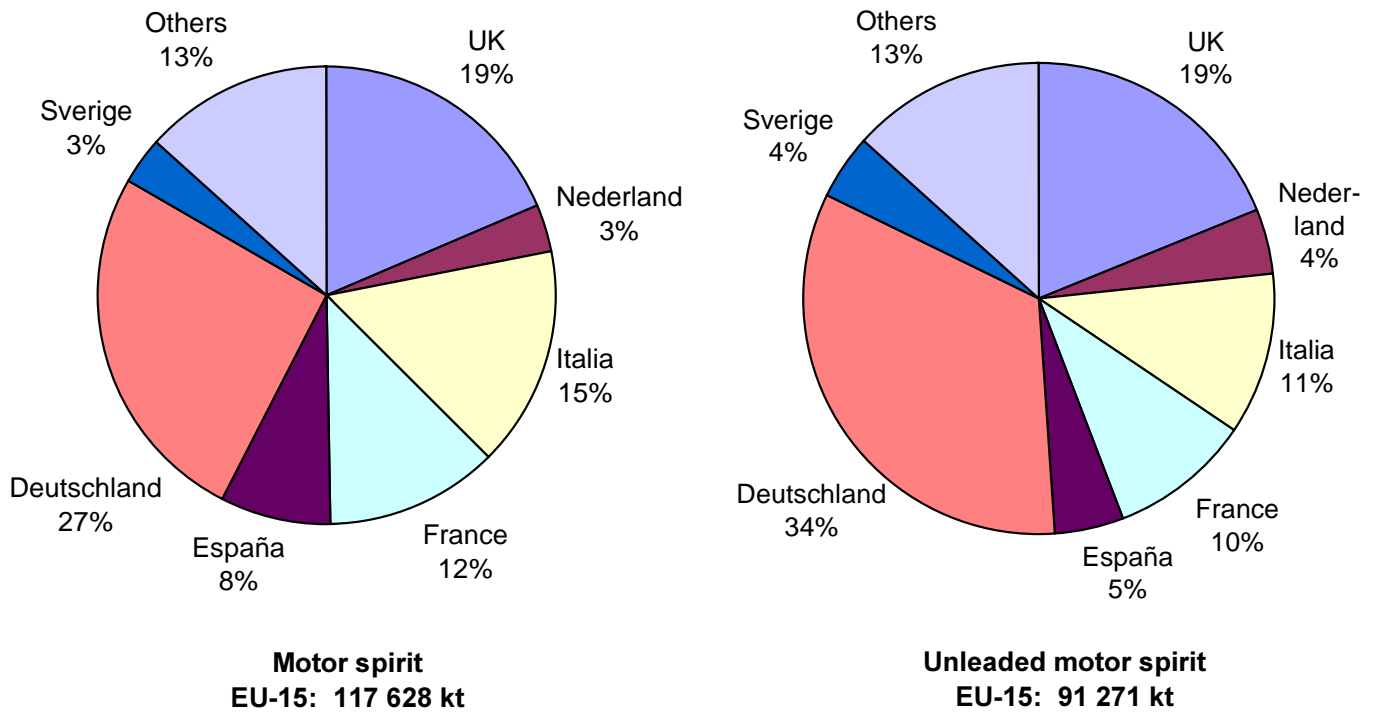


Figure 2: Inland deliveries, 1998

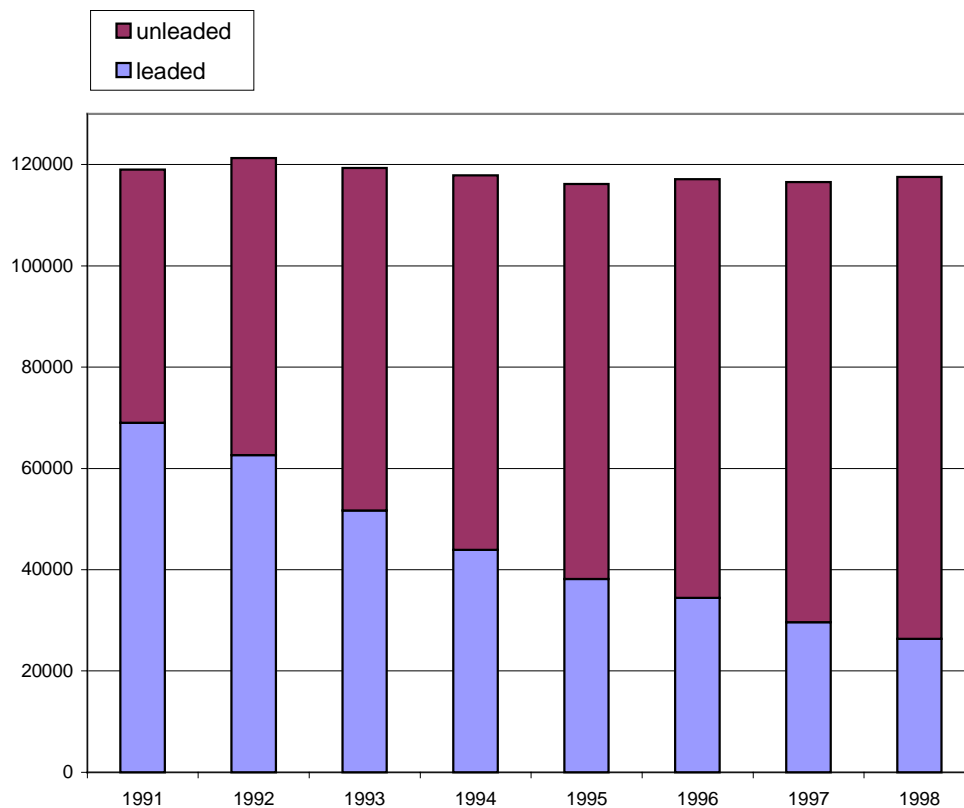


Figure 3: Overall deliveries of motor spirit in 1000 t: EU-15

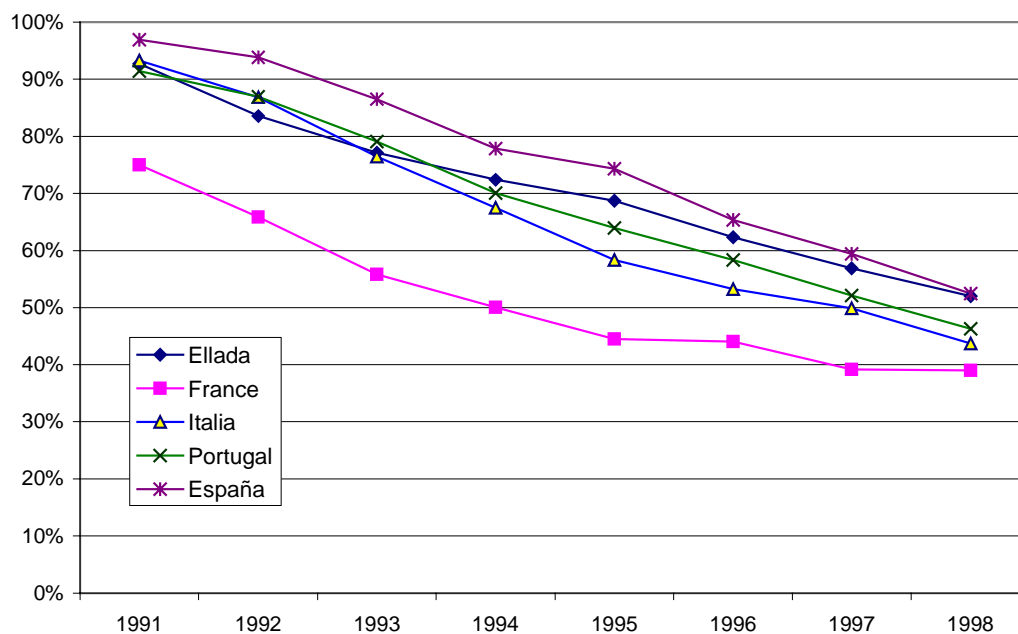


Figure 4 : Evolution of share of leaded motor spirit

	Motor Spirit		
	Total	Leaded	Unleaded
EU-15	117628	26357	91271
Belgique/België	2512	427	2085
Danmark	2031	-	2031
Deutschland	30427	51	30376
Ellada	3156	1640	1516
España	9018	4732	4286
France	14577	5686	8891
Ireland	1306	201	1105
Italia	18044	7886	10158
Luxembourg	541	55	486
Nederland	4107	10	4097
Österreich	2130	-	2130
Portugal	2040	944	1096
Suomi/Finland	1837	-	1837
Sverige	4019	-	4019
United Kingdom	21884	4726	17158

Table 1: Deliveries of motor spirit in 1998 in 1000 t

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