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(iii) According to the UK Continuing Survey of Road Goods Transport, a large articulated lorry got 7.6 miles per gallon in 2010, and travelled 93,000km (57,800 miles). That means it used 34,600 litres (7,600 gallons). In 2020, up to 4 p extra will be paid for fuel containing biofuel. That makes 4 x 34600 = £1,384.

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