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(57) Abstract: There is provided use of a thermal stabiliser for increasing the thermal stability of a cetane improver in a fuel composition comprising (i) a fuel, and (ii) the cetane improver wherein the thermal stabiliser is a compound of the formula H-R¹ wherein H is a group comprising a heterocyclic group and R¹ is a hydrocarbyl group having from 10 to 200 carbons.

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