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(Amendment) Regulations 1985**

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The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 75 and 77(1) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974(a) and now vested in him(b), and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with persons appearing to him to represent the producers and users of fuel for motor vehicles and persons appearing to him to be conversant with problems of air pollution, in accordance with the provisions of section 75(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 13th December 1985 and may be cited as the Motor Fuel (Lead Content of Petrol) (Amendment) Regulations 1985.

2. The Motor Fuel (Lead Content of Petrol) Regulations 1981(c) are hereby amended in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.

3. For Regulation 4 (Lead content of petrol) there is substituted the following Regulation:—

“4.—(1) The maximum permitted amount of lead per litre of petrol, when tested by the appropriate method, shall be:—

(a) if the petrol is leaded—

- (i) before 31st December 1985, 0.40 grammes,
- (ii) on and after 31st December 1985, 0.15 grammes;

(b) if the petrol is unleaded—

- (i) before 1st April 1990, 0.020 grammes,
- (ii) on and after 1st April 1990, 0.013 grammes.

(a) 1974 c. 40.
(c) S.I. 1981/1523.

(b) S.I. 1979/571 and 1981/238.

- (2) For the purpose of this Regulation petrol is tested by the appropriate method when:—
- (a) if the petrol is leaded, it is tested by the method prescribed in the British Standard which is entitled “Petroleum products—Gasoline—Determination of lead content—Iodine monochloride method” and was published on 30th November 1978 under the number BS 5657: 1978 (ISO 3830: 1977);
 - (b) if the petrol is unleaded, it is tested by the method specified in the document issued by the American Society for Testing and Materials, of 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, United States of America, under reference ASTM.D3237—79; and
 - (c) whether the petrol is leaded or unleaded, the results of any such test are interpreted in accordance with the rules given in the British Standard which is entitled “Method for Determination and application of precision data in relation to methods of test for petroleum products” and was published on 28th March 1968 under the number BS 4306: 1968 and revised by the publication in February 1981 of BS 4306: 1981 (ISO 4259: 1979).”.

4. In Regulation 6 (Exemptions in certain cases), after paragraph (4) there are added the following paragraphs:—

- “(5) As regards any petrol which comes into the possession of any person before 16th December 1985 for the purpose of being treated, distributed, imported, sold, offered for sale, or possessed for sale, the provisions of Regulation 4(1)(a)(ii) above are modified so that until 31st March 1986 for “0.15 grammes” there is substituted “0.40 grammes”.
- (6) As regards any petrol to which paragraph (5) above applies, the provisions of Regulation 4(1)(a)(ii) above, in respect of the use of that petrol are modified so that until 30th June 1986 for “0.15 grammes” there is substituted “0.40 grammes.”.

5. For Regulation 7 (Information as to the composition of petrol) there is substituted the following Regulation:—

“7. Subject to Regulation 8, every petrol pump in a petrol filling station which is used or is intended to be used to deliver petrol shall be marked by the occupier of the filling station as follows:—

- (a) in the case of leaded petrol—
 - (i) before 31st December 1985 in accordance with the British Standard entitled “Specification for Petrol (Gasoline) for motor vehicles” and published on 29th September 1978 under the number BS 4040: 1978, or
 - (ii) on or after 31st December 1985 in accordance with the British Standard entitled “British Standard Specification for leaded Petrol (gasoline) for motor vehicles” and published on 31st May 1985, and under the number BS 4040: 1985; and

- (b) in the case of unleaded petrol, in accordance with the British Standard entitled "British Standard Specification for Unleaded Petrol (gasoline) for Motor Vehicles" and published on 31st October 1985 under the number BS 7070: 1985."

6. Regulation 9 (offences and penalties) is revoked.

Nicholas Ridley,
Secretary of State for Transport.

12th November 1985.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Motor Fuel (Lead Content of Petrol) Regulations 1981 in the following ways:—

- (1) The production, treatment, distribution, import, sale, offering for sale, and possession of unleaded, as well as leaded, petrol is permitted. The maximum amount of lead per litre of unleaded petrol when tested by the appropriate method specified in the new Regulation 4(2), is before 1st April 1990 0.020 grammes, and on or after that date 0.013 grammes (Regulation 3);
- (2) New exemptions are given. Those exemptions are to the effect that—
 - (a) as regards petrol which comes into the possession of a person before 16th December 1985 for any of the purposes specified in the new Regulation 6(5) the limit of 0.15 grammes of lead per litre of petrol shall not apply until 31st March 1986, and
 - (b) as regards any of that petrol which is used that limit shall not apply until 30th June 1986 (Regulation 4);
- (3) The markings required for petrol pumps in petrol filling stations are amended so as to take account the new British Standards published under the numbers BS 4040: 1985 and BS 7070: 1985 (Regulation 5); and
- (4) The provisions about penalties are revoked so that the provisions in section 77(1) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 apply without any exclusion or reduction (Regulation 6).

Copies of the British Standard specifications mentioned in the Regulations may be obtained from any of the sales outlets operated by the British Standards Institution, or by post from the British Standards Institution at Linford Wood, Milton Keynes, MK14 6LE (Telephone number: Milton Keynes (STD 0908) 320066). Copies of the document issued by the American Society for Testing and Materials mentioned in the Regulations may be obtained from American Technical Publishers Ltd, 68 Wilbury Way, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 0TP.

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