



Background

Compliance with the Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements Regulation (the Regulation) is the responsibility of the person who, within British Columbia, sells Part 2 and/or Part 3 fuel for the first time after it is manufactured in or brought into British Columbia. The compliance responsibility for a fuel may be transferred from one fuel supplier to another under written agreements in accordance with sections 6 and 6.1 of the Regulation. This written agreement forms part of the record for demonstrating compliance, to be produced during an inspection.

Fuel suppliers who fail to comply with the reporting requirements under the *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements) Act* (the Act) may be subject to a penalty of up to \$1,000,000 and 6 months in jail.

Reporting requirements

All Part 2 and Part 3 fuel suppliers, including those who are exempt under the Regulation, are required to report to the Ministry of Energy and Mines (the Ministry). The compliance report forms are available on the Renewable and Low Carbon Fuels website. Exempt suppliers (see *Information Bulletin RLCF-005 – Small Supplier Exemption*) must report fuel volumes on the Compliance Report Short Form, also available on the website.

All reports submitted to the Ministry are held in confidence. Reported information is compiled in a confidential database and all information is held in a secure location.

All compliance reports are to be mailed to:

RLCFRR Reporting
Electricity and Alternative Energy Division
British Columbia Ministry of Energy and Mines
PO Box 9314 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9N1


Part 2 (Renewable) Fuel Requirement

Fuel suppliers must ensure that they have the minimum renewable fuel content, on a provincial annual average basis, in the fuel they supply in British Columbia. Fuel suppliers have the flexibility to vary their blend percentages and can choose where in the province they supply renewable fuel blends, as long as they meet the provincial annual average requirement for renewable fuel content.

The renewable fuel requirement is five (5) percent for gasoline and four (4) percent for diesel for each compliance period. Records of excess renewable fuel may be transferred from one supplier to another supplier who may need additional renewable fuel to meet its obligations. This transfer of records does not require transfer of the fuel itself, and is referred to as a “notional transfer”.

Part 3 (Low Carbon) Fuel Requirement

Fuel suppliers must ensure that the sum of the credits they generate or acquire is equal to or greater than the number of debits they are required to offset for that compliance period. Suppliers may achieve

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compliance by generating credits through the supply of low carbon fuels, by acquiring credits which have been validated under section 6 of Act, or by earning credits under a Part 3 Agreement.

Part 3 fuel suppliers must report each fuel that has a unique carbon intensity, in accordance with section 6 of the Act and the requirements of the Regulation. For more information about determining carbon intensity, please refer to *Information Bulletin RLCF-006 – Determination of Carbon Intensity*.

Compliance Periods and Reports

Each compliance period is a calendar year, and the report is due on or before March 31 following the end of the compliance period. Reporting forms are available online at www.empr.gov.bc.ca/RET/RLCFRR

Need more information?

Please see the Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel website at www.empr.gov.bc.ca/RET/RLCFRR or email us at lcfr@gov.bc.ca

This information is for your convenience and guidance only, and does not replace or constitute legal advice. Exceptions to the above may apply in certain circumstances. It is recommended that parties who may be a Part 3 fuel supplier review the *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements) Act* and the Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements Regulation seek independent legal advice to confirm their status, legal obligations and opportunities. The *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements) Act* and the Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements Regulation can be found on the internet at: <http://www.bclaws.ca>.