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Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements Regulation

Labelling Requirements

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In order to ensure that consumers are provided with the information they need to make informed decisions about the appropriate fuel for their vehicle operating needs, anyone selling fuel to a consumer is required to apply a label to the dispensing equipment if the fuel could impact the warranty of the vehicle engine.

The Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements Regulation (the Regulation) requires that anyone who provides gasoline class fuel containing more than ten percent ethanol* or diesel class fuel that contains more than five percent biodiesel must apply a label to indicate fuel content. The labelling requirement came into effect on January 1, 2011.

Section 7.3 (3) of the Regulation states that a label must:

- (a) be placed on the fuel dispensing equipment near where the fuel volume and price are displayed so that the label is visible to a person to whom the volume and price are visible,
- (b) be in good condition and resistant to automotive fuel, oil, grease, solvents, detergents and water,
- (c) be able to withstand extremes of weather for at least one year,
- (d) measure not less than 7.5 cm in width and 6.5 cm in height,
- (e) be divided horizontally into 2 bands,
 - (i) the top band of which must be not less than 2.5 cm in height and have a black background with coloured print that is
 - (A) not less than 18 point Helvetica bold or Arial bold font,
 - (B) not less than 0.3 cm from the edges, and
 - (C) centered horizontally and vertically within the band, and
 - (ii) the bottom band of which must be not less than 4 cm in height and have a coloured background with black print that is
 - (A) not less than 14 point Helvetica bold or Arial bold font,
 - (B) not less than 0.3 cm from the edges, and
 - (C) centered horizontally and vertically within the band,
- (f) in the case of a label respecting biodiesel content, use non-fade Blue: PMS 277 ink for the print in the top band and the background in the bottom band,
- (g) in the case of a label respecting ethanol content, use non-fade Orange: PMS 1495 ink for the print in the top band and the background in the bottom band, and
- (h) set out the range of biodiesel or ethanol, as applicable, contained in the fuel using words or phrases approved by the director.

* Under the British Columbia Cleaner Gasoline Regulation, it is not permissible to sell gasoline in British Columbia that contains more than ten percent ethanol.



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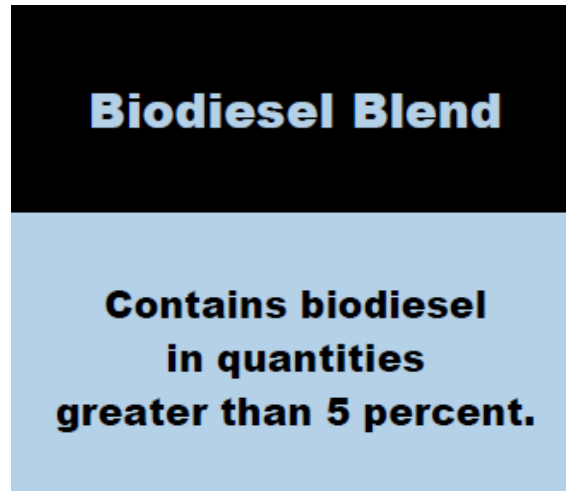
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The label below is approved for use when diesel contains more than 5% biodiesel.



If the dispensing equipment does not have a volume and price display, an invoice, bill of lading, shipping paper, or other documentation must accompany each delivery of fuel to a consumer. The delivery documentation will be required to state the type and range of renewable content in the fuel.

The fuel retailer is responsible for ensuring that the label accurately reflects the renewable fuel content in the pump. No label will be necessary for gasoline class fuel with ethanol content less than or equal to ten percent, or for diesel class fuel with biodiesel content less than or equal to five percent.

The Ministry provides standard labels at no charge. While suppliers may create their own labels, the wording must be approved by the Director.

Failure to label or notify as required will result in either an administrative penalty or prosecution as an offense. Administrative penalties result in a fine of up to \$500 for each infraction, while prosecution as an offence may result in a fine of up to \$200,000 and/or six months in jail.

Need more information?

Please see the Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel website at <http://www.empr.gov.bc.ca/RET/RLCFRR/Pages/default.aspx> or email us at lcfr@gov.bc.ca

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