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## **Federal Renewable Fuels Regulations: Renewable Fuel Producers and Importers**



**Renewable Fuel  
Producers and Importers**

**Persons who  
produce and/or  
import  
“renewable fuel”**

### **What is “renewable fuel” under the Regulations?**

The Regulations specify a definition for “renewable fuel”, “ethanol” and “biodiesel”. A liquid fuel is a “renewable fuel” if it:

- is produced from one or more of the listed renewable fuel feedstocks,
- complies with the maximum content of non-renewable substances allowed, and
- otherwise meets the definition of renewable fuel as set out in the Regulations.

### **What do the Regulations require of renewable fuel producers and importers?**

Renewable fuel producers and importers must keep records and report on their renewable fuels. They are required to have an audit by an independent third party for each compliance period.

### **I only produce and/or import small volumes of renewable fuel. What are my requirements under the Regulations?**

If you produce and/or import less than 400m<sup>3</sup> (400 000 litres) of renewable fuel in a year <sup>1</sup>then you are exempt from the requirements under sections 34 and 28 for that period. However, you must keep records demonstrating your annual volume is less than the threshold (see sections 37 and 38), measured in accordance with section 4.

### **Can a producer or importer of renewable fuel participate in the trading system?**

Anyone who engages in one of the following activities, including a producer or importer of renewable fuel, may elect under section 11 to become a participant in the trading system:

- blend renewable fuel with petroleum fuel (owner upon blending may create compliance units)
- produce petroleum fuel by using biocrude as a feedstock,
- import petroleum fuel with renewable fuel content,
- sell neat renewable fuel to a neat renewable fuel consumer, or use neat renewable fuel that they produced or imported themselves

<sup>1</sup> Except for the first compliance period where it is any given 12-month period.

Additional requirements of the Regulations apply to trading system participants (see related factsheet entitled “*Federal Renewable Fuels Regulations: Overview*”).

### **Where can I find more information?**

For more general information on the Regulations, the trading system, important dates and reporting deadlines, see related factsheet entitled “*Federal Renewable Fuels Regulations: Overview*.”

### **HOW TO STAY INFORMED?**

Environment Canada also has the following information which is available at:

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/energie-energy/default.asp?lang=En&n=0AA71ED2-1>

- *Renewable Fuels Regulations* (full text of Regulations)
- *Federal Renewable Fuels Regulations: Overview*
- *Federal Renewable Fuels Regulations: Primary Suppliers*
- *Federal Renewable Fuels Regulations: Distillate-only Primary Suppliers*
- *Federal Renewable Fuels Regulations: Sellers of Fuel for Export*
- *Federal Renewable Fuels Regulations: Blending Operations*
- *Federal Renewable Fuels Regulations: High-Renewable-Content and Neat Renewable Fuels*
- *Questions and Answers on the Renewable Fuel Regulations*

Further questions and inquiries can be directed to Environment Canada's Inquiry Centre at

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

There are a number of other federal fuel regulations that must be complied with, if applicable, namely:

- *Fuels Information Regulations, No. 1* [sulphur and additives reporting]
- *Gasoline Regulations* [lead and phosphorous],
- *Benzene in Gasoline Regulations*,
- *Sulphur in Gasoline Regulations*,
- *Sulphur in Diesel Fuel Regulations*,
- *Contaminated Fuels Regulations*,
- *Gasoline and Gasoline Blend Dispensing Flow Rate Regulations*.

### **For more information refer to:**

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