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Federal Renewable Fuels Regulations: Primary Suppliers



Primary supplier

**Persons who
produce and/or
import gasoline,
diesel fuel or
heating distillate
oil**

Who is a “primary supplier”?

Under the *Renewable Fuels Regulations* (Regulations), anyone who produces or imports gasoline¹, diesel fuel², or heating distillate oil³ is a primary supplier.

What do the Regulations require of primary suppliers?

Fuel producers and importers are required to have an average renewable content of at least 5% based on the volume of gasoline that they produce and/or import commencing December 15, 2010. There is a further 2% renewable content requirement based on the volume of diesel fuel and heating distillate oil that they produce or import commencing July 1, 2011. Any diesel fuel and heating distillate oil sold for or delivered for use in the Maritimes and that part of Quebec that is on or south of latitude 60°N may be excluded until December 31, 2012. Other exclusions may apply within the Regulations as well. In addition, various reporting and recordkeeping requirements apply, including a requirement for an annual audit by an independent third party.

How do I demonstrate that I comply with the renewable fuel content requirements?

Primary suppliers must demonstrate they have met their renewable fuel content requirements through the ownership of a sufficient number of “compliance units”. Each compliance unit represents one litre of renewable fuel. Primary supplier may create compliance units or acquire them from other trading system participants.

I only produce and/or import small volumes of gasoline, diesel fuel, or distillate heating oil. Am I still required to have renewable fuel content under these Regulations?

If you produce and/or import less than 400m³ (400 000 litres) of fuel in a year⁴ then you are exempted from the renewable fuel content requirement and associated reporting requirements

¹ Refer to Regulations for full definition of “gasoline” which includes sub-octane blendstocks (or unfinished gasoline)

² Refer to Regulations for full definition of “diesel fuel” which may include diesel-like blendstocks

³ Refer to Regulations for full definition of “heating distillate oil”

⁴ Except for the first compliance period where it is any given 12-month period. If either gasoline or diesel and heating oil exceed the 400m³ threshold, with imports and production combined, then no primary-supplier small-volume exemption applies.

under section 2 for that period. However, you are still subject to some specific record-keeping requirements in sections 29, 37 and 38 and volume measurement requirements in section 4.

If, as a small producer or importer, you still wish to participate in the trading system, then you may choose to do so by opting into the Regulations under section 3 and would be subject to the Regulations in full.

Where can I find more information?

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

HOW TO STAY INFORMED?

Environment Canada also has the following information, available at:

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: Sellers of Fuel for Export*
- *Federal Renewable Fuels Regulations: Blending Operations*
- *Federal Renewable Fuels Regulations: Renewable Fuel Producers and Importers*
- *Federal Renewable Fuels Regulations: High-Renewable Content and Neat Renewable Fuels*
- *Federal Renewable Fuels Regulations: Small-Volume Suppliers*
- *Federal Renewable Fuels Regulations: Biodiesel Suppliers*
- *Federal Renewable Fuels Regulations: Excluded-Volumes-Only Suppliers*
- *Questions and Answers on the Federal Renewable Fuels Regulations*

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

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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 phosphorus)]
- *Benzene in Gasoline Regulations*
- *Sulphur in Gasoline Regulations*
- *Sulphur in Diesel Fuel Regulations*
- *Contaminated Fuel Regulations*
- *Gasoline and Gasoline Blend Dispensing Flow Rate Regulations*
- *Regulations Prescribing Circumstances for Granting Waivers Pursuant to Section 147 of the Act*

For more information, refer to:

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