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The Motor Fuel (Composition and Content) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.

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4. Notification Number

2013/0445/UK - N40E

5. Title

The Motor Fuel (Composition and Content) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.

6. Products Concerned

Fuel - super unleaded petrol sold at filling stations where the total amount of petrol and diesel fuel sold at those filling stations was not less than three million litres in the calendar year prior to sale.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

These draft Regulations amend the Motor Fuel (Composition and Content) Regulations 1999 (S.I. 1999/3107) ("the 1999 Regulations"). The 1999 Regulations as amended prior to these amending Regulations make provision that the ethanol and oxygen content of super unleaded petrol sold at larger filling stations before 1st January 2014 must be no more than 5% and 2.7% by volume respectively. Article 1(3)(a) of Directive 2009/30/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ No L 140, 5.6.09, pp.88-113) ("the 2009 Directive") permits Member States to extend this restriction for a longer period of time if necessary. Regulation 3 of this draft measure amends regulation 3(5) of the 1999 Regulations by extending the date until which this restriction applies from 1st January 2014 to 1st January 2017.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The majority of petrol stations in the UK offer two petrol grades: premium unleaded which represents 95% of sales and super unleaded. Both premium and super unleaded petrol currently marketed in the UK contain up to 5% ethanol. The 2009 Directive (transposed into UK law in part by the amendments previously made to the 1999 Regulations) requires Member States to ensure that a petrol blend of no more than 5% ethanol and 2.7% oxygen by volume is available on the market until the end of 2013 to ensure the availability of a suitable petrol for vehicles that are non-compatible with a petrol blend containing higher levels of ethanol.

In March 2013 a revised standard for petrol was approved by the British Standards Institution in the UK, which increased the ethanol blend limit from 5% to 10%. This means that UK fuel suppliers can now start to supply blends with up to 10% ethanol should they choose to do so. Recent estimates by the Society of Vehicle Manufacturers and Traders based on 2012 data shows that 12% of the petrol fleet of cars in the UK are non-compatible with petrol containing more than 5% ethanol by volume.

Extending this requirement beyond 2013 would mitigate the risk of limited availability of compatible petrol in the event that higher blend petrol is introduced, while there are still a significant number of non-compatible vehicles in circulation.

In order not to impose an unnecessary burden to the industry the restrictive time limit has been extended by only three years. The requirement continues to be limited to super unleaded petrol sold at large filling stations.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts



Limit the marketing or use of a chemical substance, preparation or product

References of the Basic Texts: 1. The Motor Fuels (Composition and Content) Regulations 1999 (S.I 1999/3107).

2. The Motor Fuel (Composition and Content) and Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships) (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (S.I 2010/3035).

3. Directive 2009/30/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ No L 140, 5.6.09, pp.88-113).

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4. Annex 6) Summary - Limiting the marketing or use of a chemical substance, preparation or product (Article 8.1(4) Directive 98/34/EC).

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

Yes

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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