

**MOTOR FUEL (COMPOSITION AND CONTENT)
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AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSPOSE INTO THE LAW OF GIBRALTAR COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 85/210/EEC AS AMENDED BY COUNCIL DIRECTIVES 85/581/EEC AND 87/416/EEC FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED LEAD AND BENZENE CONTENT OF MOTOR FUEL.

Title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Motor Fuel (Composition and Content) Ordinance 1998.

Interpretation.

2. In this Ordinance –

“leaded petrol” means all petrol other than unleaded petrol, with a lead-compound content not exceeding (calculated in terms of lead) 0.40 grammes per litre of petrol and not less than 0.15 grammes per litre of petrol;

“Licensing Authority” has the same meaning as in section 5(2) of the Petroleum Ordinance;

“Minister” means the Minister charged with the responsibility for Trade and Industry;

“petrol” means any volatile mineral oil intended for the operation of internal combustion spark-ignited engines used for the propulsion of motor vehicles;

“unleaded petrol” means any petrol the contamination of which by lead compounds calculated in terms of lead does not exceed 0.013 grammes per litre of petrol.

Lead and benzene content and motor octane number of motor fuel.

3. No person shall sell, offer for sale or have in his possession for sale, by way of retail for use as fuel in a motor vehicle –

- (a) petrol in which the lead compound content exceeds 0.40 grammes per litre of petrol and as from the date of coming into effect of this Ordinance 0.15 grammes per litre of petrol;
- (b) leaded or unleaded petrol in which the benzene content exceeds 5.0% of the total volume;

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- (c) unleaded petrol with a motor octane number of less than 85 and a minimum research octane number of 95 at the pump.

Measurement methods for lead and benzene content and octane ratings.

- 4. For the purposes of determining compliance with section 3 –
 - (a) the lead content of petrol shall be measured in accordance with the procedures set out in paragraph 1 of the Schedule;
 - (b) the benzene content of petrol shall be measured in accordance with the procedures set out paragraph 2 of the Schedule;
 - (c) the octane ratings of unleaded petrol shall be determined in accordance with the procedures set out paragraph 3 of the Schedule.

Notice to purchasers.

- 5. No person shall sell, offer for sale or have in his possession leaded petrol by way of retail unless before effecting the contract of sale he displays a warning that leaded petrol should not be used in a motor vehicle which is designed to run on unleaded petrol.

Distribution of unleaded and leaded petrol.

- 6. When granting licences to store and supply petroleum by way of retail under the Petroleum Ordinance the Licensing Authority shall have regard to the need to maintain a balanced distribution for the sale by way of retail of leaded and unleaded petrol.

Deemed licence conditions.

- 7. The provisions of sections 3 to 5 shall be deemed to be conditions of every licence to store and supply petroleum by way of retail granted under rules made under section 7 of the Petroleum Ordinance.

Derogation.

- 8.(1) Where the Minister considers that a situation has arisen which restricts or prevents supplies of petroleum or crude oil entering Gibraltar he may make regulations imposing a different maximum lead content to that set out in section 3(a) .

- (2) Regulations made under sub-section (1) shall expire at the end of the period of 4 months beginning with the date on which they come into effect.

SCHEDULE

Section 4

Reference method for measuring the lead and benzene content of petrol and determination of octane ratings.

1.

(a) Leaded petrol

For the measurement of the lead content of petrol, the reference method shall be that laid down in ISO 3830;

(b) Unleaded petrol

For the measurement of the trace lead content of petrol, the reference method shall be laid down in ASTM D.3237 – 90 using atomic absorption spectrometry.

Reference method for measuring the benzene content of petrol.

2. For the measurement of the benzene content of petrol the reference method shall be that laid down in ASTM D.3606-92 using gas chromatographic determination with polar column and internal standard.

Reference methods for the determination of octane ratings.

3. The octane ratings (motor octane number and research octane number) shall be determined by the methods described in ISO 5164 and ISO 5163 respectively.

Interpretation of results.

4. The results of individual measurements taken for the purposes of this Ordinance shall be interpreted on the basis of the method described in ISO 4259.