

ORDER**of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic****September 2, 1997****on Quality Standards of Fuels, Keeping of Operational registration and on Extent, Kind and Way of Data Provision for Body of Air Protection**

Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic according to Article 17, letter c) of the Act 134/1992 Coll. of Slovak National Council on state administration of air protection as amended by the Act 148/1994 Coll. of National Council of the Slovak Republic stipulates:

Article 1

Regulation settles standards for:

- a) quality of fossil solid fuels and fuels produced from them, i.e. coal, carbon briquettes, and coke destined for combustion in household heating devices and other stationary devices for fuel combustion of nominal heat output up to 0,2 MW (hereinafter "solid fuels");
- b) quality of liquid petrol fuels destined for combustion in household heating devices and other stationary devices for fuel combustion of nominal heat output up to 5 MW including;
- c) quality of fuels, i.e. gasoline for motor vehicles and diesel petrol destined for gearing of piston combustion engines of mobile sources of pollution¹;
- d) keeping of operational registration, extent, kind and way of data provision, which are provided by producers, importers and seller of fuels for body of air protection.

¹ Art. 3, par. 1, letter b) of the Act No. 309/1991 Coll. on air protection against polluting substances (the Act on Air) as amended by the Act No. 218/1992 Coll. and the Act No. 148/1994 Coll. of the National Council of the Slovak Republic.

Article 2

This regulation is aimed for legal entities and natural persons with a trade license², which are producers, importers, sellers and suppliers of fuels for internal market and own consumption dedicated for

- a) combustion in stationary devices of fuel combustion;
- b) gearing of piston combustion engines of mobile sources of pollution;

Article 3

(1) Sulphur content of solid fuels in natural fuel relative to calorific value of fuel (hereinafter "nominal sulphur content") cannot exceed in

- a) coal 1,1 g.MJ⁻¹;
- b) carbon 0,78 g.MJ⁻¹;
- c) briquettes 0,6 g.MJ⁻¹;
- d) coke 0,35 g.MJ⁻¹.

(2) Sulphur content of liquid petrol fuels cannot exceed 1% of weight.

(3) Fuels for gearing of piston combustion engines of mobile sources of pollution cannot have content of

- a) lead in petrol higher 0,005 g.l⁻¹;
- b) benzene in petrol higher 3% of volume;
- c) sulphur in diesel petrol higher 0,05% of weight.

(4) Proof report of accredited laboratory proves quality of fuels according to paragraphs 1 and 2.³

(5) Certificate according to special regulation proves fuels quality according to paragraph 3.⁴

Article 4

² Art. 2 of the Commercial Code

³ STN EN 45001 (01 5253) General standards for operation of examination laboratories.
STN EN 45002 (01 5254) General standards for assessment of examination laboratories.
STN EN 45003 (01 5255) General standards for accredited bodies of laboratories.

⁴ Art. 24a of the Act No. 30/1968 Coll. on state testing as amended by the Act No. 479/1992 Coll.

(1) Fuels for gearing of piston combustion engines of mobile sources of pollution is possible to produce, sell and import if they comply with standards for fuel quality according to Article 3, paragraph 3.

(2) Solid fuels and liquid petrol fuels referred to in under Article 1, letters a) and b) is possible to sell directly to operators of devices for combustion of fuels, if they comply with standards for fuel quality according to Article 3, paragraphs 1 and 2.

Article 5

(1) Producers, importers and sellers of fuels, which are destined for combustion in stationary devices for fuel combustion, determine and keep records on calorific value, water content, ashes and sulphur content, nominal sulphur content of all kinds of produced, imported and sold solid fuels and records on sulphur content of liquid fuels and they submit these upon request of air protection authority.⁵

(2) Producers of solid fuels and liquid petrol fuels, who sell fuels directly to operators of devices for fuel combustion,

- a) keep records on quantity and quality of sold fuels referred to in Article 1, letters a) and b). They submit these records upon request of air protection authority and store during three years;
- b) submit total quantity and data on quality of sold fuels based on records under letter a) for calendar year regularly by February 15 of the next year to the regional office according to structure of regions and residences of separate sales representatives;
- c) certificate to the clients the quality of fuels through document according to Article 3, paragraph 4.

⁵ Article 1 of the Act 134/1992 Coll. of the Slovak National Council on state administration of atmosphere protection as amended by the Act 222/1996 Coll. of the National Council of the Slovak Republic on state local administration as amended.

Article 6
Transitional provisions

(1) Conditions under Article 3, paragraph 3, letter c) are not relative for diesel petrol, which will be stored out from resources of state material provisions to December 31, 19xx.

(2) Conditions for fuel quality under Article 3, paragraphs 3 are not relative for diesel petrol and gasoline for motor vehicles, which was produced, imported, or for which was granted import license before entry into force of this Regulation.

(3) Nominal sulphur content of coal cannot be higher than 1,5 g.MJ⁻¹ to December 31, 2002.

(4) Fuel quality according to Article 3, paragraph 4 is possible to prove through proof report drawn up by other laboratory like authorized or producer's laboratory, though up to December 31, 1999.

Article 7
Entry into force

This Regulation enters into force January 1, 1998, except Article 3, paragraph 2, which enters into force on January 1, 1999.

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