



MANITOBA BIODIESEL MANDATE

Q: What is Manitoba's biodiesel sales mandate?

A: Manitoba's biodiesel mandate requires fuel suppliers in Manitoba to replace at least 2% of their on and off-road diesel fuel available for sale with biodiesel. This pool average will result in roughly 20 million litres of biodiesel used in Manitoba each year.

Q: When did the mandate start?

A: The mandate began on November 1, 2009.

Q: Are certain types of fuel excluded from the mandate?

A: Yes, certain motive fuels such as jet fuel, heating oil and bunker fuel are excluded from the mandate. Diesel fuel used in the railway sector will be excluded until January 1, 2013.

A: Are there geographic exemptions from the mandate?

A: Yes, diesel fuel sold for use in the following areas of Manitoba is exempt from the biodiesel mandate:

- the area of Manitoba north of 55 latitude,
- areas of Manitoba serviced by winter roads,
- communities serviced by provincial roads 373 and 374.

Q: Does the biodiesel have to meet certain fuel quality standards?

A: Yes, biodiesel that is sold or offered for sale in Manitoba for use in powering a diesel engine must meet the specifications set out in one of the following standards:

- (a) ASTM Standard D6751, *Standard Specification for Biodiesel Fuel Blend*

Stock (B100) for Middle Distillate Fuels, ASTM International;

(b) EN 14214, Automotive Fuels - Fatty Acid Methyl Esters (FAME) for Diesel Engines - Requirements and Test Methods, European Committee for Standardization.

Q: Can renewable diesel be sold to comply with the mandate?

A: No, renewable diesel is not recognized for the purposes of the mandate.

Q: Do I have to use Manitoba-produced biodiesel to comply with the mandate?

A: No, as long as the biodiesel meets the required fuel quality standards, it can be purchased from Manitoba producers or imported from outside of Manitoba.

Q: Who is considered to be a fuel supplier for the purpose of the mandate?

A: A fuel supplier is a registered collector under Manitoba's *Fuel Tax Act*.

Q: How is the biodiesel mandate administered?

A: The *Biodiesel Mandate For Diesel Fuel Regulation* under *The Biofuels Act* requires each fuel supplier to keep records of their biodiesel purchased and sales of diesel and biodiesel-diesel fuel blends. Fuel suppliers are required to report on whether they have met the mandate requirement.

Q: The Regulation refers to reporting periods for the mandate. What is a reporting period?

A: A reporting period is the period of time during which a fuel supplier must meet the 2% mandate target. The first reporting period under the mandate runs from November 1, 2009 to December 31, 2012.

Beginning January 1, 2013, each reporting period will be 12 months long.

Q: When do mandate compliance reports have to be submitted?

A: Mandate compliance reports must be submitted by March 31 of the year after a reporting period ends. For example, the compliance report for the first reporting period must be submitted by March 31, 2013. For the 2013 reporting period, compliance reports must be submitted by March 31, 2014.

Q: How do fuel suppliers determine if they have complied with the mandate?

A: The *Biodiesel Mandate For Diesel Fuel Regulation* contains a formula for determining compliance. This formula is also found in the forms that must be submitted when fuel suppliers report on their compliance with the mandate.

Q: What happens if a fuel supplier does not meet the mandate?

A: A fuel supplier must pay a monetary penalty on any shortfall. The penalty is 45 cents for each litre of biodiesel under the mandated amount. A penalty is a debt owing to the government.

Further information may be obtained from:

Manitoba Innovation, Energy and Mines
Energy Division

1200-155 Carlton Street

Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3H8

Telephone: 1-204-945-7392

Manitoba Toll Free: 1-866-444-4207

Fax: 1-204-943-0031

Email: bob.brennand@gov.mb.ca

Website: <http://www.manitoba.ca/iem/energy/biofuels/biodiesel/index.html>