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**PUBLIC HEALTH, ENGLAND AND WALES**  
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**The Motor Fuel (Lead Content of Petrol) (Amendment)**  
**Regulations 1979**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>2nd January 1979</i>
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<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>1st February 1979</i>

The Secretary of State for Transport in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 75 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974(a), and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with persons appearing to him to represent manufacturers and users of motor vehicles, persons appearing to him to represent the producers and users of fuel for motor vehicles and persons appearing to him to be conversant with problems of air pollution, in accordance with the provisions of section 75(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st February 1979 and may be cited as the Motor Fuel (Lead Content of Petrol) (Amendment) Regulations 1979.
2. The Motor Fuel (Lead Content of Petrol) Regulations 1976(b) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.
3. For Regulation 4 there shall be substituted the following Regulation:—
  - “4.—(1) Before 1st January 1981 the maximum permitted amount of lead per litre of petrol, when tested by the appropriate method, shall be 0.45 grammes.
  - (2) On and after 1st January 1981 the maximum permitted amount of lead per litre of petrol, when tested by the appropriate method, shall be 0.40 grammes.
  - (3) For the purpose of this Regulation petrol is tested by the appropriate method when—
    - (a) it is tested by the method prescribed in the British Standard which is entitled “Petroleum products—Gasoline—Determination of lead content—Iodine monochloride method” and was published on 30th November 1978 under the number BS 5657: 1978 ISO 3830: 1977, and
    - (b) the results of any such test are interpreted in accordance with the rules given in the British Standard which is entitled

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 (a) 1974 c.40.

(b) S.I. 1976/1866.

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“Recommendations for the application of precision data to specifications for petroleum products” and was published on 28th March 1968 under the number BS 4306: 1968.”.

4. For Regulation 5 there shall be substituted the following Regulation:—
  - “5. Subject to Regulations 6 and 8, no person shall—
    - (a) produce, treat, distribute, import, sell, offer for sale, or have in his possession for sale any petrol the lead content of which exceeds the maximum permitted amount under Regulation 4, or
    - (b) use, or cause or permit to be used, any petrol the lead content of which exceeds the maximum permitted amount under Regulation 4 if he knows or has reason to believe that it does so exceed.”.
5. For Regulation 7 there shall be substituted the following Regulation:—
  - “7. Subject to Regulation 8 every petrol pump in a petrol filling station which is used or is intended to be used to deliver petrol shall be marked by the occupier of the filling station in accordance with the British Standard which is entitled “Specification for Petrol (gasoline) for motor vehicles” and was published on 29th September 1978 under the number BS 4040: 1978.”.
6. The Schedule shall be deleted.

2nd January 1979.

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Secretary of State for Transport.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE  
(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

1. These Regulations amend the Motor Fuel (Lead Content of Petrol) Regulations 1976 (which apply to England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland).
2. The chief amendments—
  - (1) provide that on and after 1st January 1981 the maximum permitted amount of lead per litre of petrol, when tested by the appropriate method, shall be 0.40 grammes, and
  - (2) specify a new method of testing petrol for the purposes of these Regulations.
3. The amendments also—
  - (1) specify in a simpler manner the maximum permitted amount of lead per litre of petrol, and
  - (2) amend the requirement that petrol pumps be marked in accordance with the provisions of a British Standard, which prescribes star markings, so as to take account of a revision to that Standard.
4. The provisions referred to in paragraph 2(1) above will be in accordance with the provisions of Council Directive 78/611/EEC of 29th June 1978 concerning the lead content of petrol.



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