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**The Motor Fuel (Lead Content of
Petrol) (Amendment) Regulations 1989**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>22nd March 1989</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>3rd April 1989</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>24th April 1989</i>

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 75 and 77(1) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974(1), and now vested in him(2) 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 section 75(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Fuel (Lead Content of Petrol) (Amendment) Regulations 1989 and shall come into force on 24th April 1989.

2. The Motor Fuel (Lead Content of Petrol) Regulations 1981(3) are hereby further amended in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.

3. In regulation 4(2), for sub-paragraph (a) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(a) if the petrol is leaded, it is tested by the method prescribed in the British Standard which is entitled “Method for determination of lead content of gasoline by the iodine monochloride method” and was published on 31st May 1988 under the number BS 5657: 1988 (ISO 3830: 1981);”.

4. For regulation 7 (information as to the composition of petrol)(4) there shall be substituted the following regulation—

(1) 1974 c. 40.

(2) S.I. 1979/571 and 1981/238.

(3) S.I. 1981/1523, as amended by S.I. 1985/1728.

(4) Regulation 7 of S.I. 1981/1523 was substituted by regulation 5 of S.I. 1985/1728.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

“7. Subject to regulation 8, every petrol pump in a petrol filling station which is used or intended to be used to deliver petrol shall be marked by the occupier of the filling station as follows–

- (a) in the case of leaded petrol, in accordance with the British Standard which is entitled “Specification for leaded petrol (gasoline) for motor vehicles” and was published on 31st May 1988 under the number BS 4040: 1988; and
- (b) in the case of unleaded petrol, in accordance with the British Standard which is entitled “Specification for unleaded petrol (gasoline) for motor vehicles” and was published on 31st May 1988 under the number BS 7070: 1988.”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

22nd March 1989

Peter Bottomley
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Motor Fuel (Lead Content of Petrol) Regulations 1981 in the following ways—

(1) A revised standard test for the lead content of leaded petrol is introduced (regulation 3).

(2) Revised standard specifications for leaded and unleaded petrol are introduced in accordance with Council Directive [85/536/EEC](#) and Community Directive [87/441/EEC](#) on the use of substitute fuel components (oxygenates). The revised standard specification for leaded petrol also limits the benzene content of the fuel to 5% by volume in accordance with Council Directive [85/210/EEC](#) (regulation 4).

Copies of the British Standard specifications mentioned in the Regulations may be obtained from any of the sales outlets operated by the British Standards Institution, or by post from the British Standards Institution at Linford Wood, Milton Keynes MK14 6LE (Telephone number: Milton Keynes (STD 0908) 221166. Copies of the EEC Directives can be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office. Details of the EEC Directives are set out in the table below.

Instrument	Reference
Council Directive 85/210/EEC of 20th March 1985	O.J. No. L96, 3.4.85, p.25
Council Directive 85/536/EEC of 5th December 1985	O.J. No. L334, 12.12.85, p.20
Commission Directive 87/441/EEC of 29th July 1987	O.J. No. L238, 21.8.87, p.40