
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Motor Fuel (Composition and Content) Regulations 1999 ([S.I. 1999/3107](#)) (“the 1999 Regulations”). The 1999 Regulations as amended prior to these amending regulations make provision that the ethanol and oxygen content of super unleaded petrol sold at larger filling stations before 1st January 2014 must be no more than 5% and 2.7% by volume respectively. Article 3(3) of [Directive 1998/70/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ No L 350, 28.12.98, p.58), as amended by Article 3(a) of [Directive 2009/30/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ No L 140, 5.6.09, p.88), permits Member States to extend this restriction for a longer period of time if necessary.

Regulation 3 amends regulation 3(5) of the 1999 Regulations by extending the date until which this restriction applies from 1st January 2014 to 1st January 2017.

A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs to business and the voluntary sector is available from the Low Carbon Fuels Division, Department for Transport, 33 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 4DR and is published with an Explanatory Memorandum alongside the instrument on [Legislation.gov.uk](#).

These regulations were notified in draft to the European Commission in accordance with [Directive 1998/34/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ No L 204, 21.7.1998, p.37), as amended by [Directive 1998/48/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ No L 217 5.8.1998, p.18).

A copy of the Directives referred to in this Explanatory Note may be viewed in the Official Journal of the European Union via the EUR-Lex website at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/Index.do>