

Gas oil for heating: Information concerning the change to the gas oil specification

From 1 January 2011, there will be a new specification for gas oil for use in non-road mobile machinery. This new specification, which has a nominally zero sulphur content, may also, for logistical reasons, be supplied for heating.

Some of the gas oil supplied to the new specification could contain up to 7% biodiesel, which can affect storage and operating systems. You are strongly advised to have your tank and heating system checked by a qualified person (eg an OFTEC registered technician) before taking delivery of supplies of the new gas oil.

Further information about the change and what you need to do to prepare and maintain your storage and equipment for gas oil that contains biodiesel can be found in the Information section of the FPS website – www.fpsonline.co.uk. This information includes advice from the Dept for Transport and a joint FPS/ICOM/OFTEC advice leaflet. Information on how to find an OFTEC registered technician in your area can be found at www.oftec.org.



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