



**THE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SPECIFICATIONS REGULATIONS  
1995, AMENDMENT NO. 1**

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THOMAS EICHELBAUM, Administrator of the Government

**ORDER IN COUNCIL**

At Wellington this 20th day of March 1996

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. DON MCKINNON PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Ministry of Energy (Abolition) Act 1989, His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

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**REGULATIONS**

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Petroleum Products Specifications Regulations 1995, Amendment No. 1, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Petroleum Products Specifications Regulations 1995\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) Except as provided in subclause (3) of this regulation, these regulations shall come into force on the 21st day of March 1996.

(3) Regulation 5 of these regulations shall come into force on the 18th day of April 1996.

**2. Requirements relating to fuel sold by retail**—(1) Regulation 3 (3) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the word “Premium”, and substituting the words “Subject to subclause (3A) of this regulation, premium”.

(2) Regulation 3 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after subclause (3), the following subclause:

“(3A) Premium grade petrol is not required to conform to the limit specified under the item relating to total aromatic compounds in the Second Schedule to these regulations.”

**3. Requirements relating to all fuel**—(1) Regulation 4 (1) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the words “of any”, and substituting the words “for any”.

(2) Regulation 4 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking subclause (3), and substituting the following subclauses:

“(3) Subject to subclause (3A) of this regulation, premium grade petrol shall have properties in respect of sulphur, lead, benzene, and total aromatic compounds that conform to the limits specified in the Second Schedule to these regulations, when tested by the methods specified in that Schedule.

“(3A) Premium grade petrol supplied, or available or intended for supply, by way of retail sale is not required to conform to the limit specified under the item relating to total aromatic compounds in the Second Schedule to these regulations.”

**4. Second Schedule amended**—The Second Schedule to the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after the item relating to benzene, the following item:

“Total aromatic compounds (including benzene) (percentage volume)	50 maximum	ASTM D 5580 or ASTM D 5443”
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**5. Second Schedule amended**—(1) The Second Schedule to the principal regulations (as amended by regulation 4 of these regulations) is hereby amended by omitting the item relating to total aromatic compounds, and substituting the following item:

“Total aromatic compounds (including benzene) (percentage volume)	48 maximum	ASTM D 5580 or ASTM D 5443”
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(2) Regulation 4 of these regulations is hereby revoked.

MARIE SHROFF,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations amend the Petroleum Products Specifications Regulations 1995. Those regulations prescribe the technical specifications for petroleum fuels distributed in New Zealand.

The regulations amend regulation 4 of the principal regulations by imposing a maximum limit on the aromatics content of premium grade petrol supplied for any end use. The new limit will not apply directly to retail sales but will apply to the supply of premium grade petrol by petrol wholesalers to resellers for retail sale.

For the period commencing on 21 March 1996 and ending on the close of 17 April 1996, the limit of the aromatics content is 50 percent by volume determined in accordance with ASTM D 5580 or ASTM D 5443. On and after 18 April 1996, the limit is 48 percent by volume determined in accordance with ASTM D 5580 or ASTM D 5443.

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