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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 21 July 2016, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

TITLE: Motor Fuel and Petroleum Standards Act

AGENCY: Illinois Department of Agriculture, State of Illinois

ACTION: Amendment

SUMMARY: Gasoline blended with ethanol has a higher vapor pressure than gasoline alone. For gasoline-ethanol blends, Illinois adopts Section 2.1.2 of the Uniform Engine Fuels and Automotive Fuel Lubricants Regulations, NIST Handbook 130, which in turn adopts ASTM D4814. Although considered by ASTM several times, ASTM has not adopted vapor pressure exceptions to ASTM D4814. Handbook 130 therefore contains specific vapor pressure exceptions for gasoline-ethanol blends, but said exceptions expire on 1 May 2016. Without the vapor pressure exceptions, petroleum marketers are concerned with the cost of compliant fuel. The rule also adopts the latest version of Handbook 130 (2016).

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