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Ethanol Limit in Petrol

Just a reminder that amended fuel quality standards relating to ethanol petrol blends commence on 1 July 2003. The amendments cap ethanol at 10% volume by volume and restrict oxygen content to 3.5% mass by mass for petrol containing ethanol.

Fuel Labelling

Yesterday the Government introduced the Fuel Quality Standards Amendment Bill 2003 into the Parliament.

The Fuel Quality Standards Amendment Bill will fulfill the Government's commitment made in April this year to empower the Commonwealth to require labelling of fuels, as well as to ensure that the key offences under the Act are able to be better enforced.

The Bill establishes a comprehensive and transparent fuel labelling framework that fits comfortably within the existing regime of fuel quality regulation. This framework will provide for determinations to be made that set fuel quality information standards for specified supplies of specified fuels. This is a flexible mechanism and, in the first instance, will be used to set parameters that will apply to the labelling, at the point of sale, of ethanol blends.

The Bill is available at: <http://scaleplus.law.gov.au/html/bills/0/2003/0/2003062604.htm>

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