

## FAQ for Obligated Parties during the B20 Mandate Temporary Suspension May 21, 2018 – June 30, 2018

Due to supply constraints, the minimum biodiesel content requirement of twenty percent (20%) that went into effect on May 1, 2018 under Minnesota Statutes §239.77, subd. 2(a) is temporarily suspended through June 30, 2018. Biodiesel fuel offered for sale in Minnesota during the temporary suspension must meet the biodiesel minimum content requirement of ten percent (10%) that was in effect prior to May 1, 2018 under Minnesota Statutes §239.77, subd. 2(a).

### **Why was the B20 mandate temporarily suspended?**

The Commerce Department commissioner used the authority granted in Minnesota Statutes §239.77, subd. 2(d) to temporarily suspend the B20 mandate because of the temporary closing of a Minnesota biodiesel plant which caused a forty-seven percent (47%) reduction in biodiesel production in the state.

### **What does the B20 mandate temporary suspension mean for retail stations and other obligated parties?**

It means that until June 30, 2018, all diesel fuel sold or offered for sale in Minnesota for use in internal combustion engines must contain at least ten percent (10%) biodiesel fuel oil by volume.

- Stations may take diesel deliveries containing less than twenty percent (20%) biodiesel by volume, as long as the diesel fuel dispensed at their retail pumps contains at least ten percent (10%) biodiesel by volume.
- Distributors may deliver fuel to fleets, farms, and other end users, which contain less than twenty percent (20%) by volume, as long as the loads contain at least ten percent (10%) biodiesel by volume.

## **As a retailer, can I wait until July 1, 2018 to start taking deliveries of B20 again?**

**No.** By July 1, 2018 all diesel fuel sold or offered for sale in Minnesota for use in internal combustion engines must again contain twenty percent (20%) biodiesel fuel oil by volume. The temporary suspension was timed to allow stations approximately two weeks to turn their storage tanks over after biodiesel supply is expected to return to normal production levels.

- Stations should start taking deliveries of B20 before June 30th, so that the diesel fuel dispensed at their pumps contains twenty percent (20%) biodiesel by volume on July 1.
- Any fuel delivered to fleets, farms, and other end users after June 30<sup>th</sup>, must contain twenty percent (20%) by volume.

## **Will the Weights & Measures Division continue to enforce the biodiesel mandate during the B20 temporary suspension?**

**Yes.** Weights & Measures inspectors will continue to take fuel samples and audit delivery records to ensure that until June 30, 2018, all diesel fuel sold or offered for sale in Minnesota for use in internal combustion engines contains at least ten percent (10%) biodiesel fuel oil by volume.

## **Questions?**

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