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AIR POLLUTION ACT 1987 (PETROLEUM VAPOUR EMISSIONS) REGULATIONS 1997

SECOND SCHEDULE (Section 1)

Particulars to be included in a certificate of testing by an approved assessor that a SERVICE STATION complies with the requirements of article 10 of the Air Pollution Act 1987 (Petroleum Vapour Emissions) Regulations, 1997.

1. **Name of service station manager:**

2. **Address/registered office of manager:**

3. **Address of service station:**

4. **Service station throughput (largest total annual quantity loaded/unloaded at service station in three years preceding this test):**

5. **Date of testing:**

6. **Brief description of tests carried out:**

7. **Is this a first test for the purposes of these regulations? If not, state day, month and year of most recent test.:**

Declaration:

I, _____*(please print name)*, hereby confirm that I have tested the above service station on _____ *(insert date)* for compliance with the provisions of the Air Pollution Act, 1987 (Petroleum Vapour Emissions) Regulations, 1997 and to the best of my knowledge and belief this service station is in compliance with the said provisions.

Signed: _____
Qualification / Profession: _____
Company Name and Address: _____
_____
_____
Date: _____

Forward to:

The Environment Section:

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GUIDANCE NOTES FOR APPLICANT

1) **AIR POLLUTION ACT 1987 and the**
Air Pollution Act (Petroleum Vapour Emissions) Regulations 1997

- The Air Pollution Act 1987 provides for the control of air pollution.
- The Petroleum Vapour Emissions Regulations 1997 are made under the Air Pollution Act.
- Under these regulations loading operations may not take place unless arrangements are in place for the vapour displaced by the delivery of petrol to service stations to be returned through a vapour-tight connection line to the road tanker delivering the petrol.
- However the EU Directive which gave rise to the Petroleum Vapour Emissions Regulations 1997 includes an exception for petrol filling stations which have a throughput of less than 100m^3 per year (100,000 litres per year).
- The regulations provide for the monitoring of compliance of service station and mobile container operators by local authorities.
- The regulations require that where a vapour recovery system is required the petrol station must have a current **Certificate of Testing** from the local authority.
- Failure to comply with the regulations is an offence under the Air Pollution Act and the penalties are as follows:

  For a summary conviction in the District Court:

  a fine not exceeding €1,270 (as well as a fine not exceeding €127 euro for every day on which the offence is continued) or imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months. If the court decides, you could be subject to both a fine and imprisonment.

  On conviction or indictment in the District Court:

  a fine not exceeding €12,700 euro (as well as a fine not exceeding €1,270 euro for every day on which the offence is continued) or imprisonment for any term not exceeding two years. Again, if the court decides, you could be subject to both a fine and imprisonment.

- In order to apply for a certificate of testing the petrol station operator firstly needs to have the vapour recovery system tested by an 'approved assessor'.
- The approved assessor carries out the relevant tests and prepares a report. This report should be submitted to the local authority, with an accompanying application fee of €63.50.
- Assuming the report is satisfactory the local authority can then issue the certificate of testing.
- To be included on the approved assessors list approved assessors need to demonstrate appropriate knowledge, training and experience and to be free from commercial ties with the organisation for at least 5 years.

2) **Current List of Approved Assessors as at 14th March 2005**

Name	Address	Telephone No.
McAllister Devereux Keating	42-44 Northumberland Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.	01-6688244
Michael O'Kane & Associates	Gransha Beg, 27A Gilford Park, Sandymount, Dublin 4.	01-2693084
Petrocourt Ltd.	45 Aughrim St., Dublin 7.	01-8102381

3) **Every submission for a certificate of testing should be accompanied by the following:**

a) **Fully completed Approved Assessors Report**

It is noted that the tests carried out (and referred to in Section 6 of the approved assessors report) should comply with Annex 10.3 of the APEA/IP 'Blue Book' 2nd Edition March 2005 (Guidance for the Design and Construction, Modification and Maintenance of Petrol Filling Stations).

b) **Application Fee of €63.50**

4) **Duration of Certificate of Testing**

It is noted that the certificate of testing can be issued for a maximum period of 3 years and must be renewed on expiry.