

Chapter 16-657 WAC

RETAIL PRICING OF MOTOR AND HEATING FUEL

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DISPOSITION OF SECTIONS FORMERLY CODIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER

16-657-020	Interim retail sales of motor fuels. [Statutory Authority: Chapter 19.94 RCW. 79-12-030 (Order 1661), § 16-657-020, filed 11/19/79.] Repealed by 83-09-012 (Order 1794), filed 4/11/83. Statutory Authority: Chapter 19.94 RCW.
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WAC 16-657-001 Retail sales of motor fuels and home heating products. All retail fuel metering and computing devices shall:

- (1) Display the price per gallon or price per litre: Provided, That if motor fuel is offered for sale by the litre, the price per litre must be clearly displayed on the dispenser directly adjacent to the corresponding price per gallon, with the information appearing in contrasting letters of at least two inches in height;
- (2) Indicate the amount of fuel delivered during a single retail transaction;
- (3) Register the selling price per unit;
- (4) Register the total selling price for a single retail transaction;
- (5) Compute the price per gallon or litre as set forth in National Bureau of Standards Handbook 44.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 19.94 RCW. 83-09-012 (Order 1794), § 16-657-001, filed 4/11/83; 79-12-030 (Order 1661), § 16-657-001, filed 11/19/79.]

WAC 16-657-010 Compliance schedule for retail motor fuel and home heating products dispensers. Devices which do not meet the requirements of WAC 16-657-001 (3) and (4) shall be brought into compliance on or before July 1, 1981.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 19.94 RCW. 79-12-030 (Order 1661), § 16-657-010, filed 11/19/79.]

WAC 16-657-025 Posting of motor fuel prices—Cash and credit sales. The following rules apply to the posting of prices of retail sales of motor fuels. As used herein, motor fuel means any fuel used in motor vehicles, including but not limited to gasoline, diesel, propane and alcohol-gasoline blends. As used herein, motor vehicles shall include all wheeled motorized vehicles, and all boats and airplanes.

- (1) The posted or advertised price of motor fuel at retail outlets must be available to all consumers. Any condition or qualification required to obtain the posted price must be clearly displayed in letters of contrasting color at least one-

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half the size of the posted price and immediately adjacent thereto.

- (2) A cash price may be posted or advertised if the posting of the price clearly shows it to be limited to cash purchases. The information shall be in letters at least one-half the size of the posted price and immediately adjacent thereto.

- (3) Cash and credit sales.

- (a) If a retailer elects to establish separate islands for cash and credit sales, the islands shall be clearly marked as such in letters at least six inches in height and of proportional width.

- (b) If a retailer elects to permit cash and credit card sales from the same dispenser, the credit price will be displayed on the meter face. Immediately adjacent to or on the pump a chart shall be posted showing the cash discount price in one cent increments. The lettering on the chart shall be of such size and contrast lettering as to be easily read by the consumer.

- (4) Posted prices of motor fuels at retail outlets shall include all federal, state and local taxes.

- (5) The director of agriculture may require retailers to post additional signs or information as necessary to assure that the consumer is aware of information as necessary to make an informed purchase.

- (6) Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the use of a dispenser which is designed, manufactured, or adapted to permit cash and credit card sales from a single dispenser by manual or automatic means and which computes prices per gallon or litre pursuant to standards established in National Bureau of Standards Handbook 44.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 19.94 RCW. 83-09-012 (Order 1794), § 16-657-025, filed 4/11/83.]

WAC 16-657-030 Interim retail sales of home heating products. Computing dispensing devices used in the delivery of home heating products which do not meet the requirements of WAC 16-657-001 (3) and (4) shall be altered to provide for an interim half price sale program and the following requirements shall be followed:

- (1) Such procedures shall be required when the price of one grade of fuel goes above the capabilities of one device at or operated from a given location. Once it is necessary for one device to be set at half price or modified to the litre, all devices at or operated from that location must be set at the same method of sale.

- (2) The consumer's copy of the invoice covering deliveries of home heating products made on a basis of either half pricing or by the litre shall bear a clear and legible legend stating the computations have been made on the respective method of sale.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 19.94 RCW. 79-12-030 (Order 1661), § 16-657-030, filed 11/19/79.]

WAC 16-657-040 Posting of alcohol blend gasolines.

(1) All retail motor fuel devices dispensing alcohol blend gasolines shall state on the face of the device that alcohol ingredients are contained therein. The statement shall disclose what alcohol products are included, i.e., methyl alcohol, ethyl alcohol, and the percentage of alcohol that is contained therein. The statement shall be conspicuously posted in letters at least one-half inch in height, at least one-sixteenth inch in stroke, in contrasting letters, in a location as to be easily seen by consumers and in the following format:

CONTAINS ____% ethyl/methyl ALCOHOL

(2) The percentage of alcohol disclosed on the dispensing device shall be the ratio between the amount of ethyl alcohol, or methyl alcohol including co-solvents or proprietary inhibitors, or any other alcohol, to the total product volume.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 19.94.505. 98-13-074, § 16-657-040, filed 6/15/98, effective 7/16/98. Statutory Authority: Chapter 19.94 RCW. 84-12-040 (Order 1829), § 16-657-040, filed 5/30/84.]