



## MEASUREMENT CANADA'S BULLETIN C-03 UPDATES EFFECTIVE OCT 1

Dear P•T•I Trainers and Examiners:

Please find attached an alert released on August 2, 2010, by the Propane Gas Association of Canada, regarding the publication of the updated Measurement Canada Bulletin C-03, titled "Filling of Liquefied Propane Gas Cylinders." The purpose of Bulletin C-03 is to define the policy concerning the retail filling of propane cylinders, as per the requirements of the *Weights and Measures Act*.

Please review the important alert attached, as it affects the training of anyone filling a retail cylinder.

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### Written Statements To Be Required with Every Propane Cylinder Refill

Dear PGAC members;

Further to Alert 45 (2009) and Alert 25 (2010), members will recall that Measurement Canada launched a consultation to review and update Bulletin C-03. Titled "Filling of Liquified Propane Gas Cylinders", the purpose of the Bulletin is to define the policy concerning the retail filling of propane cylinders, as per the requirements of the Weights and Measures Act. The newly updated Bulletin has now been published and will come into effect on October 1, 2010. It can be seen here: <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/mc-mc.nsf/eng/lm00583.html>.

### BACKGROUND

To improve the compliance rate in the area of retail cylinder refills, originally, two amendments to Bulletin C-03 were being considered by Measurement Canada.

1. To allow only one method of sale for the filling of propane cylinders, namely the Weigh In Weigh Out method (WIWO). This would mean that propane cylinder exchange programs would continue, however, sales of propane cylinder refills on the basis of volume would cease.
2. To make it mandatory that a written or printed statement detailing the quantity of the propane delivered into a cylinder be provided to the customer for each transaction.

As reported previously, after a successful lobby by the PGAC, Measurement Canada withdrew its proposal to limit the filling of propane cylinders to only the WIWO method and to prohibit sales by volume. On the other matter, there was unanimous support for the proposal relating to printed or written statements.

### OVERVIEW OF NEW BULLETIN C-03 (REVISION 4)

The new Bulletin C-03 (Revision 4) now includes the following requirements, which were supported by PGAC members:

- A new "Safety" section (Section 2) was added. It simply states that the Bulletin is not meant to supersede existing safety regulations.
- The "Methods of Sale" section is updated consistent with the input from PGAC members to Measurement Canada. As per PGAC member feedback, Revision 4 still allows the "volume"

method of sale. Revision 4 is much more concise and no longer includes the background on the phasing out of the "fill" method in 2000.

- A written statement of the quantity of propane put into the cylinder must now always be provided with each and every propane cylinder refill transaction. Additionally, Section 6.3 clarifies that "if the price of propane is based on a unit of measurement, the statement of quantity must be expressed using the same unit of measurement." Revision 3 did not require such if "the quantity of propane is measured in the presence of the purchaser." This portion of the Act was originally intended to apply only to the sale of consumer foods (e.g. butchers).

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