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With the passing of the new regulations governing fuel oil, Ontario Regulation 213/01, distributors of fuel oil should be aware of the following requirements:

1. ***Fuel Oil Distributor Licenses – October 1, 2001. (s.6)***

Fuel oil distributors must obtain a license in order to continue distributing fuel oil. This license will assist TSSA in enforcing the regulatory requirements fairly to all fuel oil distributors. Please fill out the attached application form and return it to TSSA prior to October 1, 2001. There is no fee for this license.

A distributor is defined as the person who supplies fuel to the end user. Tank truck drivers and delivery personnel are not considered distributors if they do not directly contract with the end user to deliver fuel. The company that directly contracts with the end user for the fuel is considered the distributor regardless if they own or don't own the tank truck or bulk plant. "Brokers" would be considered distributors if they contract with the end user. Branch offices do not have to hold separate distributor licenses if a corporate office holds the contracts for the fuel delivery to the end user.

2. ***Notification of Underground Fuel Oil Tanks – December 2001 (s.14)***

Within 180 days of the Fuel Oil Regulation being filed, distributors must provide to TSSA the address of every fuel oil underground tank that the distributor is aware of and to which the distributor is supplying fuel. This list will assist TSSA in notifying owners of underground tanks of the registration and equipment upgrade requirements for underground tank systems.

3. ***Registration of Underground Tanks – May 1, 2002 (s. 7(4))***

After May 1, 2002, no distributor is to supply fuel oil to an underground tank unless the tank is registered with TSSA. Owners of underground tanks will be required to upgrade the system by installing leak detection systems, corrosion protection, spill containment around fill pipes and overfill protection devices.

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4. ***Installation Inspections – May 1, 2002 (s.7(1))***

After May 1, 2002, distributors will not be allowed to deliver/supply fuel oil to installations that have not been inspected by the distributor at least once within the previous 10 years. Oil burner technicians must conduct the inspections and the distributor must retain records of the inspection. The oil burner technician does not have to be directly employed by the distributor in order to perform the inspection but the distributor must obtain evidence that an inspection was conducted.

5. ***Distributor Obligations – Effective Immediately (s.23 and 24)***

Where a distributor discovers an unsafe installation, the distributor must take definitive action to address the installation including shutting -down the appliance and not supplying fuel if the condition is an immediate hazard.

Please refer to Ontario Regulation 213/01 for the actual requirements. This regulation is available for downloading from our website at www.tssa.org.

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Fuel Oil Dealers Association of Ontario
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