

AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT[21]

Adopted and Filed

Rulemaking related to motor fuel and antifreeze tests and standards

The Agriculture and Land Stewardship Department hereby amends Chapter 85, “Weights and Measures,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 214A.1A.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 214A.2.

Purpose and Summary

This rulemaking incorporates recent updates made with the ASTM International fuel specifications as of July 9, 2024. These updates will provide uniformity for fuel manufacturers and suppliers across the region and nationwide.

Additionally, this rulemaking provides a narrow exception from ASTM International specifications during the month of March. This exception keeps Iowa at the same volatility class in the month of March that has been in place since 1988 and aligns Iowa fuel specifications with neighboring states. This will help to ensure that Iowa does not experience fuel availability issues or cost increases that would be experienced by consumers.

Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 30, 2024, as **ARC 8328C**.

The industry requested minor adjustments to provide additional clarity. These changes have been incorporated into the final rulemaking as follows:

1. “E-5/D-4” was updated to say “E-5 or D-4”.
2. Specified that paragraph 85.20(1)“b” applies to both gasoline and ethanol-blended gasoline (was previously just ethanol-blended gasoline).

Adoption of Rulemaking

This rulemaking was adopted by the Department on December 17, 2024.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 21—Chapter 8.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Effective Date

This rulemaking will become effective on February 12, 2025.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 85.20(1) as follows:

85.20(1) In the interest of uniformity, the tests and standards for motor fuel, including but not limited to renewable fuels such as ethanol blended gasoline, biodiesel, and biodiesel blended fuel, and components such as an oxygenate, raffinate natural gasoline and motor vehicle antifreeze shall be those established by ASTM International in effect on ~~June 30, 2023~~ July 9, 2024, with the following exceptions:

a. Biodiesel blended fuel classified as higher than B-20 but less than B-99.

b. For the month of March, the volatility class shall be E-5 or D-4 for gasoline or ethanol blended gasoline.

b. c. Tests and standards that are otherwise required by statute.

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