

Stronger controls must be applied to fuel regulations

Agra has in the past unjustly come under fire for its application, or lack thereof, of fuel regulations. On the one hand, members do not want to accept the established regulations and on the other, retailers accuse the co-operative of applying the regulations inconsistently.

Agra is licensed to sell fuel at all branches in both retail and bulk (COC) quantities. The law is explicit in its definition of bulk fuel: "bulk quantity means a single quantity of 200 litres or more", whilst retail quantities refer to any volumes less than 200 litres.

The law furthermore establishes the following regarding bulk quantities:

1. A retail licence holder may only sell fuel in bulk quantities by dispensing it **directly into:-**
 - (b) a container, **other than the tank of a vehicle**, used for the storage of fuel; or
 - (c) the tank of a vehicle with a mass of 3,500 kilograms or more for purposes of propelling such a vehicle.
4. No retail licence holder may sell petrol in quantities of less than 200 litres at a time, at any price other than the price determined under the Act.

The applicable price difference between retail and bulk quantity fuel is intended to benefit the farmer who makes bulk purchases, whilst the co-operative itself benefits from the sale of retail quantity fuel sales. It is therefore to the benefit of both to adhere to the legislative provisions.

It has, however, occurred that bulk quantity buyers want a portion of the 200 litres or more to be dispensed directly into his/her vehicle. According to the Fuel Act as detailed above, this is not permissible. The legal implication is that the portion pumped directly into the vehicle is regarded as a retail quantity sale, which is sold at a bulk quantity price.

At the bulk fuel price, clients may purchase any fuel quantity in excess of 200 litres and dispense it into any suitable container or directly into any vehicle in excess of 3,500 kilograms. Any fuel dispensed directly into smaller vehicles will be charged at the normal petrol station (retail) fuel price.

The misuse or misappropriation of the regulations may result in the cancellation of Agra's fuel licence. The implications thereof for Agra and each member are self-evident.

To the benefit of both Agra and its members, all our branches will forthwith show strict compliance with the regulations and we wish to appeal to our members to abide by these.

The table below indicates the per litre cost in cents that will be applicable at the various Agra branches with effect from 16 October 2002. An indication of the price difference between bulk (COC) and retail quantity purchases are also indicated.

| | PETROL 93 | | ULP 95 | | DIESEL | |
|--------------|------------|--------|------------|--------|------------|--------|
| | COC | RETAIL | COC | RETAIL | COC | RETAIL |
| WINDHOEK | 372.0 0 | 403.00 | 378.0 0 | 409.00 | 362.0 0 | 393.00 |
| DUIKERSVLEI | 382.1 0 | 413.00 | 388.1 0 | 419.00 | 372.1 0 | 404.00 |
| GROOTFONTEIN | 376.6 0 | 408.00 | 382.6 0 | 414.00 | 366.6 0 | 398.00 |
| MALTAHOHE | 386.1 0 | 417.00 | 392.1 0 | 423.00 | 376.1 0 | 408.00 |
| ARANOS | 387.8 0 | 419.00 | 393.8 0 | 425.00 | 389.5 5 | 409.00 |
| BETHANIE | 382.3 0 | 413.00 | 388.3 0 | 419.00 | 384.0 5 | 404.00 |
| GOBABIS | 377.0 0 | 408.00 | 383.0 0 | 414.00 | 367.0 0 | 398.00 |
| GOCHAS | 387.8 0 | 419.00 | 393.8 0 | 425.00 | 377.8 0 | 409.00 |
| KOËS | 382.3 0 | 413.00 | 388.3 0 | 419.00 | 372.3 0 | 404.00 |
| MARIENTAL | 377.7 0 | 409.00 | 383.7 0 | 415.00 | 367.7 0 | 399.00 |
| OKAHANDJA | 369.9 0 | 401.00 | 375.9 0 | 407.00 | 359.9 0 | 391.00 |
| OUTJO | 378.1 0 | 409.00 | 384.1 0 | 415.00 | 368.1 0 | 400.00 |
| KEETMANSHOOP | 382.3 0 | 413.00 | 388.3 0 | 419.00 | 372.3 0 | 404.00 |
| KAMANJAB | 385.1 0 | 416.00 | 377.8 0 | 409.00 | 375.1 0 | 407.00 |
| OTJIWARONGO | 371.8 0 | 403.00 | 377.8 0 | 409.00 | 361.8 0 | 393.00 |
| KARIBIB | 372.1 0 | 403.00 | 378.1 0 | 409.00 | 362.1 0 | 394.00 |
| AROAB | 382.3 0 | 413.00 | 388.3 0 | 419.00 | 372.3 0 | 404.00 |
| KARASBURG | 387.3 0 | 418.00 | 393.3 0 | 424.00 | 377.3 0 | 409.00 |
| OTAVI | 374.7 0 | 406.00 | 380.7 0 | 412.00 | 364.7 0 | 396.00 |
| OTJIWANEHO | 369.9 0 | 401.00 | 375.9 0 | 407.00 | 361.8 0 | 393.00 |
| REHOBOTH | 380.4 0 | 411.00 | 386.4 0 | 417.00 | 370.4 0 | 402.00 |
| TSUMEB | 376.2 0 | 407.00 | 382.2 0 | 413.00 | 366.2 0 | 398.00 |
| OMARURU | 376.0 0 | 407.00 | 382.0 0 | 413.00 | 366.0 0 | 397.00 |
| OPUWO | 371.8 0 | 403.00 | 377.8 0 | 409.00 | 361.8 0 | 393.00 |
| ONDANGWA | 376.2 0 | 407.00 | 382.2 0 | 413.00 | 366.2 0 | 398.00 |