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**DEPARTMENT OF MINERALS AND ENERGY****No. R. 1078****4 November 2005****PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ACT, 1977 (Act No. 120 of 1997).****REGULATIONS REGARDING PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SPECIFICATIONS  
AND STANDARDS**

The Minister of Minerals and Energy **has** under section 12C(1)(e) and (f) **of the** Petroleum Products Act, **1977** (Act No.120 of **1977**) made the regulations **in the** Schedule.

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## Definitions

- 1 In these regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have the meaning so assigned and unless the context otherwise indicates –

“**the Act**” means the Petroleum Products Act, 1977 (Act No. 120 of 1977), as amended;

“**additive**” means a chemical substance intentionally added to petroleum products **in** trace or small quantities in order to improve one or more of the petroleum product’s performance or storage stability, its performance in **an** engine or intended to reduce the emissions from an engine powered by that petroleum product;

“**aromatics**” means a group of hydrocarbons that contain a benzene skeleton in their molecular structure;

“**biodiesel**” means a biodegradable and renewable fuel or fuel additive for diesel engines derived from natural oils extracted from vegetable matter, **and** that conforms to South African National Standard, Automotive Biodiesel, **SANS** 1935;

“**blend**” means a mixture of two or more compatible petroleum products having different properties in order to produce an intermediate or **final** petroleum product with desired attributes;

“**bowser**” means an apparatus erected on a site for the purposes of pumping petrol or diesel from **an** underground tank and dispensing it into a motor vehicle;

“**coastal zone**” refers to magisterial districts listed in Annexure A **as** coastal;

“**Controller**” means the Controller of Petroleum Products as contemplated in section 3(1) of the Act;

“**end-consumer**” means a person acquiring a petroleum product for own use and consumption;

“**grade**” means the classification of a petroleum product according to its chemical composition and characteristics such as its RON rating, sulphur content, additives content and the quantity or proportion thereof;

“**inland zone**” refers to magisterial districts listed in Annexure A as inland;

“**label**” means a marking affixed to a bowser on a site that specifies the grade of petrol or diesel dispensed by that bowser;

“**licensee**” means a person to whom the Controller has issued a manufacturing, wholesale or retail licence in accordance with the provisions of the Act;

“**low-emission diesel**” means diesel used in underground mines with a sulphur content of not more than 0.005 percent by mass and conforms to the South African National Standard, *‘Low-emission diesel fuel for use in underground mines’*, SANS 1755;

“**low-sulphur grade diesel**” means diesel with a sulphur content of not more than 0.005 percent by mass and conforms to the South African National Standard, *‘Automotive diesel fuel’*, SANS 342;