



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 2001-09-003³⁶⁶

OCTANE POSTING AT THE PUMP

FOR : ALL COMPANIES
: ALL GASOLINE DEALERS AND RETAIL OUTLETS
: ALL CONCERNED

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8479, otherwise known as the "Downstream Oil Industry Deregulation Act of 1998", provides for the deregulation of the downstream oil industry to foster a truly competitive market which can better achieve the social policy objectives of fair prices, adequate and continuous supply of environmentally-clean and high quality petroleum products;

WHEREAS, as a result of the lead phase-out program and pursuant to Republic Act 8749 or the "Philippine Clean Air Act" which prohibits the sale and use of leaded gasoline not later than eighteen (18) months from its enactment, various brands and grades of unleaded gasoline (ULG) have been introduced in the market at different prices creating confusion among consumers;

WHEREAS, the octane rating or number of gasoline is commonly used for differentiation of various grades in most countries;

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Standard for Unleaded Gasoline requires a minimum octane rating for each gasoline grade;

WHEREAS, the reflection of the octane ratings at the pump level will readily apprise the consumers on the quality of gasoline they are buying, thereby relating it to the price they are paying;

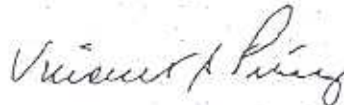
NOW, THEREFORE, upon effectivity of this Circular, all dealers/operators of gasoline stations shall be required to display the octane rating, in terms of Research Octane Number (RON) as part of the gasoline label at the pumps sold in their establishment through a "sticker" with the specifications below.

- 1) *Layout*. The label is 3 inches wide and 2 1/2 inches long. Spacing of the label is 1/4 inch between the top border and the first line of text, 1/8 inch between the first and second line of text, 1/4 inch between the octane rating and the line of text above it. All text and numerals are centered within the interior borders;

- 2) *Type size and setting.* The Helvetica series is used for all letters at font 16, bold and all capital, while the octane number in Franklin gothic at font 96 condensed with 1/4 inch space between the numbers;
- 3) *Colors.* The basic color (background) on all labels is 012C Pantone yellow. All prints and borders are black;
- 4) *Contents.* The contents are shown in the illustration (annex A). The PNS RON for each gasoline grade must be shown. No marks or information other than that called for by this rule may appear on the label; and
- 5) *Special label protection.* All labels must be resistant to gasoline, oil, grease, solvents, detergents, water, etc. and must be capable of withstanding extreme weather conditions so that the entries in the sticker are clearly readable at all times. The label should be replaced immediately in the event it is substantially defaced, soiled, torn-off, or otherwise destroyed.

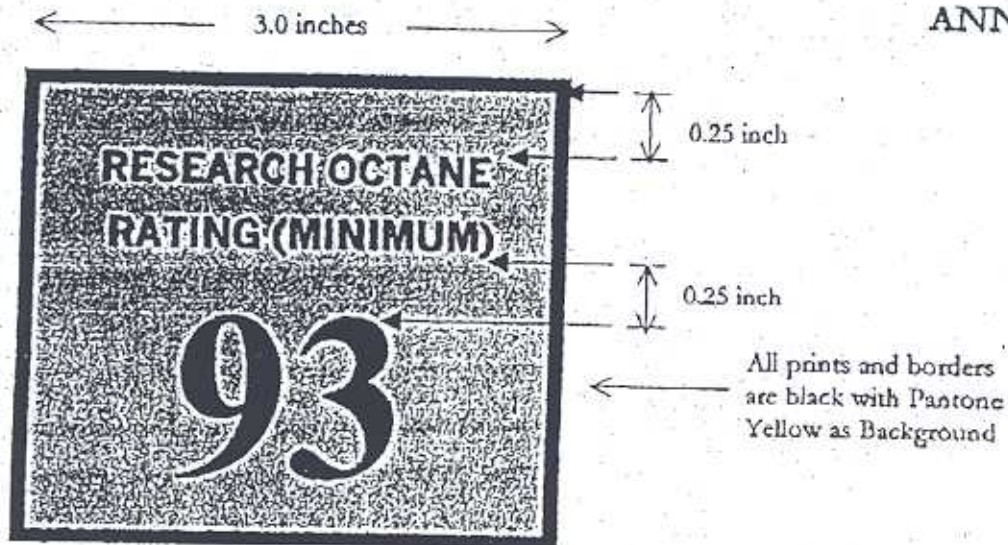
This Department Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation. Full compliance to this Circular shall not be later than January 1, 2002. Failure to comply with this directive shall subject the violator to corresponding administrative sanctions as may be imposed by the Department.

Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila, 10 September, 2001



VICENTE S. PEREZ
Secretary of Energy

ANNEX A



SPECIAL LABEL PROTECTION:

All labels must be resistant to gasoline, oil, grease, solvent, detergents, and water and must be capable of withstanding extreme weather conditions so that all entries in the sticker are clearly readable at all times.