

**MOTOR FUEL TAX ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 403 of 2000**

**207.1002 Definitions; A to E.**

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

- (a) "Alcohol" means fuel grade ethanol or a mixture of fuel grade ethanol and another product.
- (b) "Blendstock" means and includes any petroleum product component of motor fuel, such as naphtha, reformate, or toluene; or any oxygenate that can be blended for use in a motor fuel.
- (c) "Blended motor fuel" means a mixture of motor fuel and another liquid, other than a de minimis amount of a product including, but not limited to, carburetor detergent or oxidation inhibitor, that can be used as motor fuel in a motor vehicle.
- (d) "Blender" means and includes any person who produces blended motor fuel outside of the bulk transfer/terminal system.
- (e) "Blends" or "blending" means the mixing of 1 or more petroleum products, with or without another product, regardless of the original character of the product blended, if the product obtained by the blending is capable of use in the generation of power for the propulsion of a motor vehicle, an airplane, or a marine vessel. Blending does not include mixing that occurs in the process of refining by the original refiner of crude petroleum or the blending of products known as lubricating oil in the production of lubricating oils and greases.
- (f) "Bulk end user" means a person who receives into the person's own storage facilities by transport truck or tank wagon motor fuel for the person's own consumption.
- (g) "Bulk plant" means a motor fuel storage and distribution facility that is not a terminal and from which motor fuel may be withdrawn by a tank wagon, a transport truck, or a marine vessel.
- (h) "Bulk transfer" means a transfer of motor fuel from 1 location to another by pipeline tender or marine delivery within the bulk transfer/terminal system, including, but not limited to, all of the following transfers:
  - (i) A marine vessel movement of motor fuel from a refinery or terminal to a terminal.
  - (ii) Pipeline movements of motor fuel from a refinery or terminal to a terminal.
  - (iii) Book transfers of motor fuel within a terminal between licensed suppliers before completion of removal across the terminal rack.
  - (iv) Two-party exchanges between licensed suppliers.
- (i) "Bulk transfer/terminal system" means the motor fuel distribution system consisting of refineries, pipelines, marine vessels, and terminals. Motor fuel in a refinery, pipeline, terminal, or a marine vessel transporting motor fuel to a refinery or terminal is in the bulk transfer/terminal system. Motor fuel in a fuel storage facility including, but not limited to, a bulk plant that is not part of a refinery or terminal, in the fuel supply tank of any engine or motor vehicle, in a marine vessel transporting motor fuel to a fuel storage facility that is not in the bulk transfer/terminal system, or in any tank car, rail car, trailer, truck, or other equipment suitable for ground transportation is not in the bulk transfer/terminal system.
- (j) "Carrier" means an operator of a pipeline or marine vessel engaged in the business of transporting motor fuel above the terminal rack.
- (k) "Commercial motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle licensed as a qualified commercial motor vehicle under the motor carrier fuel tax act, 1980 PA 119, MCL 207.211 to 207.234, or a motor vehicle licensed under an international fuel tax agreement under section 2a of the motor carrier fuel tax act, 1980 PA 119, MCL 207.212a.
- (l) "Consumer price index" means United States consumer price index for all urban consumers as defined and reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- (m) "Dead storage" is the amount of motor fuel that cannot be pumped out of a motor fuel storage tank because the motor fuel is below the mouth of the tank's draw pipe. The amount of motor fuel in dead storage is 200 gallons for a tank with a capacity of less than 10,000 gallons and 400 gallons for a tank with a capacity of 10,000 gallons or more.
- (n) "Denaturants" means gasoline, natural gasoline, gasoline components, or toxic or noxious materials added to fuel grade ethanol to make it unsuitable for beverage use but not unsuitable for automotive use.
- (o) "Department" means the department of treasury or its designee.
- (p) "Destination state" means a state, Canadian province or territory, or foreign country to which motor fuel is directed for export.
- (q) "Diesel fuel" means any liquid other than gasoline that is capable of use as a fuel or a component of a fuel in a motor vehicle that is propelled by a diesel-powered engine or in a diesel-powered train. Diesel fuel includes number 1 and number 2 fuel oils, kerosene, dyed diesel fuel, and mineral spirits. Diesel fuel also includes any blendstock or additive that is sold for blending with diesel fuel, any liquid prepared, advertised,

offered for sale, sold for use as, or used in the generation of power for the propulsion of a diesel-powered engine, airplane, or marine vessel. An additive or blendstock is presumed to be sold for blending unless a certification is obtained for federal purposes that the substance is for a use other than blending for diesel fuel. Diesel fuel does not include an excluded liquid.

(r) "Dyed diesel fuel" means diesel fuel that is dyed in accordance with internal revenue service rules or pursuant to any other internal revenue service requirements, including any invisible marker requirements.

(s) "Eligible purchaser" means a person who has been authorized by the department under section 75 to make an election under section 74.

(t) "Excluded liquid" means that term as defined in 26 CFR 48.4081-1.

(u) "Export" means to obtain motor fuel in this state for sale or other distribution outside of this state. Motor fuel delivered outside of this state by or for the seller constitutes an export by the seller and motor fuel delivered outside of this state by or for the purchaser constitutes an export by the purchaser.

(v) "Exporter" means a person who exports motor fuel.

**History:** 2000, Act 403, Eff. Apr. 1, 2001;—Am. 2002, Act 668, Eff. Apr. 1, 2003;—Am. 2015, Act 176, Eff. Jan. 1, 2017.

**Compiler's note:** Enacting section 2 of Act 468 of 2014 provides:

"Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless House Joint Resolution UU of the 97th Legislature becomes a part of the state constitution of 1963 as provided in section 1 of article XII of the state constitution of 1963."

House Joint Resolution UU was presented to the electors as Proposal 15-1 at the May 5, 2015 special election. The proposal to amend the constitution was not approved by the voters and Act 468 of 2014 does not go into effect.