



STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER  
22 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

PAUL R. LEPAGE  
GOVERNOR

WALTER E. WHITCOMB  
COMMISSIONER

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER

*An Order Establishing Alternative Standards for Motor Fuel Conveyed for Consumption in Maine.*

WHEREAS, Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10: COMMERCE AND TRADE, Part 6: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES Chapter 501: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LAW, Subchapter 7-A: SALE OF COMMODITIES §2631. Conformity to national engine fuels and automotive lubricants regulations establishes alternative standards from requirements of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) for vapor pressure in gasoline-ethanol blended motor fuel conveyed in the state;

WHEREAS, ASTM has not determined whether it will incorporate changes or confirm limits for vapor pressure maximums of ethanol blended fuel prior to May 1, 2018;

WHEREAS, Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10: COMMERCE AND TRADE, Part 6: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES Chapter 501: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LAW, Subchapter 3: STATE SEALER, §2402. Powers and duties authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish alternative standards for fuel from ASTM requirements, provided that the alternative standards are necessary for the protection and promotion of public health, safety, welfare, and interests of the Maine citizenry; and,

WHEREAS, in the absence of limits incorporated or confirmed by ASTM for ethanol blended fuel, alternative standards established by the Department serve to protect the public health, safety, welfare, and interests of the Maine citizenry;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Walter E. Whitcomb, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Maine, do hereby order and direct that, beginning May 1, 2018:

1. Maine grants a waiver to allow the 1-psi increase to maximum vapor pressure established in ASTM D4814 for Class A, B, C, D ethanol blended fuels and .5-psi for Class E ethanol blended fuels between the dates of September 16 thru May 31; and

The vapor pressure waivers in paragraph 1. shall remain in effect until ASTM incorporates changes to the vapor pressure maximums for ethanol blends.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2018.

Walter E. Whitcomb,  
Commissioner

HARLOW BUILDING  
18 ELKINS LANE



PHONE: (207) 287-3200  
FAX (207) 287-2400  
WEB [WWW.MAINE.GOV/DACF](http://WWW.MAINE.GOV/DACF)