



Canadian Engine Emission Regulations – What Dealers Need to Know!

Many of you will already know about the *Marine Spark-Ignition Engine, Vessel and Off-Road Recreational Vehicle Emission Regulations* (MERV Regulations) which were established under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* in 2012. The regulations require that the importer of new engines/boats packages (in most cases this is the Canadian dealer importing the boat/engine from the U.S.) report to Environment Canada through a simple import declaration form, the total number of new engines they are bringing into Canada from the U.S. It also requires a year-end report which is more complicated but should become more simplified going forward if dealers work with their engine manufactures to prepare the reports.

The Regulations were developed in order to reduce emissions of environmentally damaging and toxic substances from gasoline-powered marine engines, vessels and recreational vehicles (e.g. CO, NOx). The Regulations establish performance-based emissions standards that align with those of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the following products:

- 2012 and later model year outboard, inboard, and personal watercraft engines;
- 2015 and later model year vessels with fuel tanks and/or fuel lines installed
- 2012 and later model year snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, utility vehicles, and off-road motorcycles.

What are the requirements for importers?

- Submit importation declarations to Environment Canada prior to importation of each shipment
 - For boat packages, both the engine and vessel should be declared
- Submit an end of model year report to Environment Canada for all imported products of a given model year, by June 1st of the calendar year after the model year
- Confirm products are EPA certified and request a copy of the EPA certificate of conformity covering the product (if purchasing from a U.S. supplier)
- Products obtained from Canadian suppliers do not need to be declared or reported

Many dealers are already filling out the required Environment Canada importation forms, however not all dealers are doing the required paperwork. NMMA has been actively working with Environment Canada to streamline the process and make it easier for the importer (dealers). Most recently, we have developed a new form which the U.S. engine manufacturers will submit to Environment Canada outlining the total number of engines they have sold. Environment Canada will then cross reference the import declaration form filled out by the dealer to confirm the number of engines were sold into Canada.

I urge all dealers to review these regulations closely and contact their engine manufacturers to work out a plan for handling the reporting to ensure the engines and boats flow easily across the border.

NMMA will continue to work with all parties to assist in ensuring compliance, I welcome your calls to discuss the regulations. In addition, I urge you to contact the Transportation Division directly at ec.vehicleandengineinfo.ec@canada.ca (questions and submissions accepted). Templates are available online for importation declarations and end of model year reports. The MERV webpage <http://www.ec.gc.ca/lcpe-cepa/eng/regulations/detailReg.cfm?intReg=109>