GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

Date: March 7, 2024

Re: Sale of Race Gasoline and Kerosene by the Half-Gallon

Analysis:
Wisconsin Statute ch. 100 requires all advertising that shows or in any manner relates to the price at which motor fuel is offered for sale at retail at facilities selling more than 15,000 gallons annually be by the gallon. Due to increased fuel prices, many facilities that sell race gasoline and kerosene are unable to program the full price into fuel dispensers because the dispensers do not go above $9.999 per gallon. There is no known fix for this problem. As a result, retailers of race gasoline and kerosene have requested DATCP approval to sell those products utilizing half-gallon pricing.

There is a precedent for this as Wis. Stat. § 100.18(6)(a)1. allows a person who sells less than 15,000 gallons of motor fuel in this state per year to show the half-gallon unit price instead of the full gallon price. That section of the statute was added in 2017 to accommodate retailers with older dispensing equipment that did not have the capability to display the full gallon price, such as marinas and facilities supplying recreational vehicles.

Statute Sections:
Wis. Stat. § 100.18(6)(a)1.

Conditions of temporary enforcement suspension:
A person who sells race gasoline or kerosene in this state may show the half-gallon unit price if all the following conditions are met:
- The price includes all applicable taxes in one amount.
- The facility’s dispensing equipment does not have the capability of displaying the full gallon price and all applicable taxes.
- All advertising of race gasoline or kerosene, including price signage, display the half-gallon price.
- The retailer must take all appropriate steps to ensure that consumers are charged correctly when utilizing half-gallon pricing.
- This temporary and conditional suspension of enforcement will expire on December 31, 2024.
- The Department may rescind this guidance document at any time prior to December 31, 2024, after providing industry at least 30 days’ advance notice.

For questions, please contact the department at (608) 224-4942 or email datcpwmcompliance@wi.gov.