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Dear

PROHIBITION ORDER- AUTOGAS FLEXIBLE HOSE

I am writing to address concerns that industry representatives have raised about the need for the above Order (copy attached), which comes into effect on 1 December 2008 and their ability to comply with its terms.

The purpose of the Order is to limit the amount of harmful plasticiser that can leach out of flexible hose used in an autogas installation to prevent the plasticiser being able to damage the convertor components. Extensive testing has shown this to be the main cause of convertor problems.

Although the Order comes into force on 1 December 2008, EnergySafety would like to continue to work with industry from this date to ensure that all autogas installers are in a position to comply with the Order by 1 February 2009. Therefore until Monday 2 February 2009 EnergySafety does not propose to take any action in respect of the Order other than to monitor the situation and work with the industry to resolve any installation problems.

EnergySafety understands that a large number of installers are already complying with the Order but some installers are still experiencing installation problems with selected vehicles. If you are experiencing any difficulties in complying with the Order and would like our assistance, please contact the Gas Inspection Branch Tel 08 9422 5297 to enable a Gas Inspector to work with you to resolve your difficulties.

I have also attached a copy of a document that provides an update on the issues related to autogas. You may find the guideline on coiling copper pipe of particular interest.

Yours sincerely



Ken Bowron
Director Energy Safety

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