

# Australian Historic Motoring Federation Inc.

## GPO Box 2862 Canberra ACT 2602

The Fuel Quality Standards ACT (2000) makes the sale of fuel not in compliance with the prescriptions of the Act an offence. Certain fuels such as those containing tetra ethyl lead do not comply with the prescriptions of the Act, and consequently they cannot be offered for unrestricted sale to the public.

The Fuel Standard (Petrol) determination 2001 (as amended (hereinafter called The Regulations) made under section 21 of the Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000 provides a number of organisations with approval until 30 June 2005 to permit the continued use of leaded fuels until that time. The Australian Historic Motoring Federation is one such organisation.

Leaded fuel is only available to be purchased upon the presentation at the point of purchase of a valid Fuel Purchase Passbook issued by one of the organisations listed in The Regulations. This shall be deemed as evidence that the fuel purchased is to be used for historic motoring use and therefore not subject to the other requirements of the Act

**This Passbook has been produced by the Department of Environment and Heritage, and its issue and management is to be controlled by the approved organisations under a co-management agreement with the Department.**

In order to fulfil their obligations to the Department of Environment and Heritage, the organisations listed in the Regulations require certain undertakings from their members prior to the issue of the Fuel Purchase Passbook and are responsible for monitoring the operation of the passbook system. Consequently the cost of setting up and administering the scheme will be borne, in this instance by AHMF. The fee has been set at \$20.

If you own a vehicle which requires the use of leaded fuel, please complete the form below and mail it with your cheque for \$20 made payable to:

**AHMF**  
**GPO Box 2862 Canberra ACT 2601**

### FUEL PURCHASE PASSBOOK APPLICATION FORM

Name of Applicant				
Address				
				Post code
Drivers licence No:				
Name of Club				
Membership No:				
Vehicle details				
Reg #:	Make	Model	Year	Hp

#### Declaration

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the custodian of the above vehicle, of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street address not PO Box)

- Declare that the fuel purchased by me under Clause 6(b) of the Fuel Standard (Petrol) Determination 2001 (as amended) which does not meet the requirements of the Fuel Quality Standards ACT 2000:
  - a) shall be used only in the above nominated vehicle
  - b) shall be used solely:
    - i) at club authorised event
    - ii) for vehicle testing purposes
  - c) Shall not be sold, re-sold, gifted or otherwise disposed of by me to any person other than the holder of a valid Fuel Purchase Passbook, and that the transaction shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions above.

- I acknowledge that the Fuel Purchase Passbook remains the property of the Department of Environment and Heritage and agree to return it to the AHMF upon either request from the AHMF or when I cease to be a member of a Car Club affiliated to a State/ Territory Council of the AHMF or as soon as practical after 30 June 2005.

- I acknowledge that the misuse of the Fuel Purchase Passbook or breach of any of the conditions imposed above, whether deliberate or unintentional, may result in the withdrawal of the Fuel Purchase Passbook from my use.

DECLARED at \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Place) (State or Territory)

by the above named declarant this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_  
(Day) (Month)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## CLARIFICATION OF LEADED PETROL (AVGAS) PASSBOOKS

I have been informed that statements were made at the CAMS NSW State Council meeting in Lithgow on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2003, which lead some delegates to believe that the Environment Australia (EA) Logbooks issued by the Australian Historic Motoring Federation may be illegal or ineligible.

Nothing could be further from the truth! The AHMF has all documentation in place including an appointment letter from the Minister, David Kemp, signed Agreement with Environment Australia and recognition on the list of approved bodies.

As far as the question of using leaded fuel on public roads being illegal, it is a simple matter of opening the logbook itself where clause 1 (a) iv states “ in the case of historic vehicles and street rods, these vehicles may be used on public roads to travel to and from, and at an event that has been duly sanctioned by an Issuing Organisation; or for reasonable testing and maintenance runs on public roads (HCRS). It is illegal to use the fuel in “modern” vehicles or for every day use on public roads.

The bare facts are:

1. The AHMF is one of 17 Issuing Organisations on the Environment Australia list. They range from the WA Tractor Pulling Association to the AHMF. Every one of these Organisations took part in lobbying the Minister to issue the exemptions we now have.
2. CAMS is not on that list. We understand that they have subsequently been added to the list sent to authorised leaded fuel retailers.
3. The Council of Motor Clubs (NSW) Inc. is one of nine members of the AHMR National Body and is therefore part of a recognised Issuing Organisation so its member clubs are also part of the AHMF. Any CMC club’s event is covered by the legislation.
4. The fuels associated with the logbooks include BP100, Mobil Avgas 100 and 130 and Shell 100. There may well be others.
5. Strict rules apply and are printed in the documents issued with each and every logbook. Anyone breaching those rules will be dealt with and the Department may withdraw that logbook.
6. The logbooks are supplied free of charge by the Department to Issuing Organisations. The AHMF set a fee of \$20 to cover the paperwork, reporting and postage involved with their issue and upkeep by the AHMF’s Honorary Secretary. If other bodies charge different amounts, it is their decision.
7. An Historic Vehicle in NSW is just that. Thirty years old or more and in original condition as per the RTA. HCRS. It is understood that the use of the vehicle is as per the RTA CRS although the documents do not mention such as they are meant to be used Australiawide. It is definitely forbidden to use the fuel for regular driving/riding or commuting even in a fully registered 30 plus year old vehicle.
8. The EPA of NSW has stated that they no longer have laws or rules covering this matter as it is now a Commonwealth Law and that takes precedence. They would however be involved in apprehending any wrong doers and passing them on to EA in Canberra.

At the re-convened CAMS meeting in Friday 13th June I will be present to see that matters are corrected.