



SD Permit Bulletin

Manitoba ODS Regulation Compliance

Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Sectors

Environmental Protection



Notice to Purchasers of Refrigerant (CFCs, HCFCs, HFCs) and A/C Equipment & Parts:

In Manitoba, legislation is in effect for those who are in the air conditioning and refrigeration industry sectors. **Effective now**, under the Manitoba Ozone Depleting Substances and Other Halocarbons Regulation, a **Secondary Distributor permit** is required to acquire, purchase or import regulated product into or within Manitoba. An exception may be when a company is a small shop or an owner operator, whereby the person is also a certified technician and orders regulated products under his/her certification. They take all responsibility for the company. This person is then entirely responsible to track all regulated products (i.e. refrigerant, parts, etc.). -- This is not recommended, if you are not the owner/managing partner.

Regulated products now include nearly all refrigerants (including CFCs, HCFCs & HFCs) and any new or used equipment or component that makes up or is attached to a closed refrigerant loop.

It is a violation of the Regulation to sell any regulated product to a person or company who does not have a SD permit number (or in the case of an owner operator, a person designated who is also a certified technician). **Significant penalties exist** under the Ozone Depleting Substances Act CCSM 080 (see it on-line at the Manitoba Government website: <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/index.php>) for those who contravene this regulatory compliance responsibility!

What is an SD Permit...

Secondary Distributor Permit

Originally Effective
January 1, 2006

Annual Permit Required

\$50.00

...intended for air conditioning and refrigeration wholesalers, distributors, agriculture, auto and truck dealerships, service centres, body shops, other air conditioning related mechanical contractors, etc.

A Secondary Distributor (SD) Permit is required in the Province of Manitoba for companies who purchase regulated (new or used) air conditioning equipment or parts and/or substances (refrigerants), as defined under the Manitoba ODS and Other Halocarbons Regulation.

Only certified individuals and secondary distributors may purchase regulated products. Section 22 of the Regulation allows a person (i.e. corporation/company) who is not a manufacturer of a regulated substance or a trained service technician to become a secondary distributor. An SD Permit may not be required when a designated certified technician is purchasing regulated items for the business – generally in the case for owner operators. A secondary distributor is a company that imports into the province or purchases in the province an ODS or equipment, other than a white good (i.e. fridge or freezer)*. A SD permit allows the entity to purchase regulated products (i.e. refrigerant, parts and components) – see Regulation. You may apply for or renew a SD Permit by completing an SD Permit application and remitting a fee of \$50.00. Permit applications can be obtained through MOPIA. SD Permits are valid for a period of up to one year beginning not earlier than January 1 and expiring December 31 of the same year. SD Permit holders **must maintain records** of transactions and submit these to MOPIA by February 1 each year.

* SD Permits are not required for White Goods (i.e. fridges, freezers).

For more info, please visit: www.mopia.ca or call (338-2222) or 1-888-667-4203
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