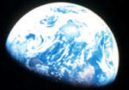




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All Out Sun Bed Ban in Australia



New South Wales in Australia has become the second place in the world to implement a ban on the use of sunbeds due to their cancer risk. Brazil was the first. The ban in Australia comes into effect January 1, 2014. Other state governments in Australia are also considering bans.

<http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/media-centre/media-releases/5672-coalition-to-ban-commercial-sunbeds-in-victoria.html?qh=YTo4OntpOjA7czo0OiJza2luJltpOjE7czo0OiJza2lucyl7aToyO3M6ODoic2tpbm5pbmciO2k6MztzOjY6ImNhbmNlcil7aTo0O3M6NzoiY2FuY2Vycyl7aTo1O3M6OToiY2FuY2Vyb3VzljtpOjY7czo0OiJyW5jZjZjYjY7aTo3O3M6MTE6InNraW4gY2FuY2Vyljt9>

Manitoba also implemented new rules on the use of sunbeds this past June 2012, but they are not as restrictive, rather requiring risk labeling and parental consent for persons under 18 and direct parental supervision for persons under 16.

See: <http://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?archive=&item=14298>

Your Records Data Sheets are Due!

Each and every certified technician is required to report to MOPIA their use of regulated refrigerants (and halons) for the period January – December (2012) by February 1st. The record data sheet must detail the type of refrigerant, amount recovered or installed and details of the equipment. A record data sheet may be obtained from MOPIA, via our website or by calling us. If you have not used or handled any regulated refrigerants during 2012, you must also report this to MOPIA via email, letter or by calling us directly. We record each technicians submission/report. Reporting is a mandatory requirement under the Regulation. Call us for assistance.

Do you have your SD Permit for Buying Parts or Refrigerant

In Manitoba, a Secondary Distributor (SD) permit is available for any business (or person) who purchases or imports into Manitoba any regulated substances or product(s). It is often referred to as a purchasing permit as it allows wholesalers to auto shops to agriculture implement dealers to acquire regulated refrigerants and parts connected to the closed refrigerant loop. It is separate from certification as technicians should not be ordering refrigerant or parts for a company they do not own or for use/sale by co-workers. Records are required to track all purchases, sales and/or use. The SD Permit assigns an individual permit number to each company.

These permits are similar to park passes or fishing licenses and are renewable every year, based on the calendar year. They may be obtained from MOPIA by application and a fee of \$50. This application form is available on-line at www.mopia.ca Please feel free to contact MOPIA if you have any questions. We're here to make sure you know the law and your obligations.

Illegal Refrigerants from China

MOPIA has been advising our stakeholders of the potential for fraudulent refrigerants (cylinders) coming into Canada via the USA and also our ports from various other nations disguised or mislabeled as name brand or others. Sometimes these are sold via the internet at deep discounts especially for large purchaserd. Well, recently ACR news reported that Dupont after two years of pursuit and litigation, found a Chinese company guilty of counterfeiting their refrigerant products particularly R-22.

<http://www.acr-news.com/news/news.asp?id=3131&title=Chinese+refrigerant+counterfeiter+hit+with+hefty+fine>

Non compliant refrigerant cylinders were found throughout Manitoba this past Spring. Make sure you verify the source of the product(s) and that they are compliant with regulations, from Manitoba Conservation (MR 103/94), Environment Canada (i.e. Federal Halocarbon Regulations) and Transport Canada (i.e. Transportation of Dangerous Goods).

In general, cylinders must be refillable, have properly labeling and have a compliant hydrostatic test stamp on the collar.

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2012 Apprenticeship Awards



The sixth annual “2012 Apprenticeship Awards of Distinction” gala dinner was held at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg. This event recognizes the outstanding contributions that employers, journeypersons and instructors make to the Manitoba Apprenticeship training system.

The event recognizes employees and employers who have made outstanding contributions during the year in variety of categories. Do you know some of the people pictured above or do you know who is a great employer? See the winners at: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/tce/apprent/awards/>

Canada’s Top Ten Weather Stories for 2012 – Big Heat!

Canada experienced above normal temperatures during 2012, noted as the 16th time in a row.

2012 was the fourth warmest since records began in 1948. See the details at: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/meteo-weather/default.asp?lang=En&n=51AA6ED5-1>

Upcoming Events

ASHRAE Winter Conference 2013
 26 - 30 January 2013 - Dallas, U.S.A
<https://www.ashrae.org/membership--conferences/conferences/dallas-conference>

AHR Expo 2013
 28 Jan 2013 - 30 Jan 2013
<http://www.ahrexpo.com/>

MOPIA Planning for Spring Outreach Sessions

MOPIA is planning to come to your part of the province in June and July 2013. This is part of our continued outreach strategy to do a variety of compliance awareness sessions and on-site validations.

MOPIA will host a series of complimentary lunch hour awareness presentations from Winkler to Dauphin, Thompson, Brandon and other locations. The purpose is to reinforce regulatory compliance information and industry trends that affect our stakeholders. MOPIA will also undertake random site visits and accept appointments to assist our stakeholders and ensure compliance knowledge is clear and well understood.

Watch our website in May for locations and a registration form. Technicians will also be informed directly with an insert within their 2013-14 renewal packages issued via post in May 2013.

Comments Sought on Manitoba’s Sustainable Development Act



The Manitoba Government is seeking your input to update the Sustainable Development Act. You have until February 28 to submit your comments.

A new Act, the Green Prosperity Act, will replace the existing Act and this is your opportunity to provide insight and help mold the contents of this important piece of legislation.

See: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/greenprosperity/index.html>

Videos on: Protecting our Atmosphere for Generations to Come & Alternatives to HCFC’s

The United Nations Environment Programme, DTIE OzonAction unit has a number of new videos on a variety of ozone, climate and industry topics. See: <http://www.unep.org/ozonaction/>

