



British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec Used Oil Management Associations (UOMAs)

Factory/Initial Fill Environmental Handling Charge (EHC) Update

If the following conditions outlined below are met, the Used Oil Management Associations (UOMAs) exclude Environmental Handling Charges (EHCs) on oil and/or filters initially installed in Original Equipment Manufactured (OEM) vehicles or machinery imported into their five respective provinces:

1. The OEM who manufactures equipment in a province and who installs the factory/initial oil fill in the equipment prior to or after import to an UOMA province must apply to join the appropriate UOMA; and
2. Once approved as an UOMA member of the importing province, the UOMA member you purchase the oil and filters from should be contacted, provided with your UOMA Registration Number and notified that you will take the responsibility for the EHC Payment Schedules and corresponding reports and remittances of EHCs to the applicable UOMA.

UOMA members who sell oil or filters are encouraged to advise their customers of this policy.

Examples of oil and/or filter OEM installation in vehicles or machinery are straight forward and apply to all on and off-road vehicles, agricultural, construction, commercial and recreational equipment. Once the life of the initial oil or filter is met in a vehicle or machine, the replacement oil or filter is EHC applicable and the EHC is remitted to the respective UOMA.

Examples of factory/initial fill are more complex when related to electrical transformers. The EHC on transformer oil is exempt under these three situations:

1. the initial transformer oil is completely installed in the transformer in the factory in the originating province;
2. the initial transformer oil is partially installed in the transformer in the factory in the originating province and the balance installed in the same transformer in the importing province (this may be done on occasion to meet shipping weight and/or logistical restrictions); and
3. the initial transformer oil is completely installed in the transformer on site in the importing province after installation (again this may be done to meet shipping weight and/or logistical restrictions).

Once the life of the factory/initial fill transformer oil is met, the top-up/replacement oil is EHC applicable.

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