



## Media Release

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*New approach reduces burden on businesses while ensuring public safety.*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Toronto, ON, May 15, 2015) – Retail assemblers of portable outdoor fuel-fired appliances such as barbecues (BBQs) and patio heaters will no longer be required to hold a Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) Fuels Certificate following regulatory amendments introduced by the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services today.

Effective immediately, retailers such as supermarkets, hardware stores, BBQ specialty shops and big box stores providing assembly services for BBQs, patio heaters and other portable outdoor fuel-fired consumer appliances will be required to have their staff receive training through an in-house or third-party training program.

“These changes revise a regulatory requirement that imposed a high safety requirement for a low risk activity,” said John Marshall, Director of TSSA’s Fuels Safety Program. “By introducing a training requirement in lieu of a TSSA Fuels Certificate, public safety is ensured while the regulatory burden on businesses is reduced,” added Mr. Marshall.

The regulatory amendments to the Fuel Industry Certificates Regulation (O. Reg. 215/01) and the Propane Storage and Handling and Gaseous Fuels Regulations (O. Reg. 211/01 and 212/01) exempt individuals from the requirement to possess a TSSA Fuels Certificate provided that:

- the person performing the assembly is a sole proprietor, an employee of the retailer who has sold the appliance to the customer, or is an employee of an agent who performs assembly work on behalf of the retailer;
- the appliance is approved for sale and use under Ontario law and is for outdoor use only;
- the retailer is entitled to sell the appliance by its manufacturer;
- the retailer offers to assemble it at the time of sale for the customer;
- the appliance is not intended to be used to serve the public;
- the person performing the assembly has completed the training on the assembly of the appliance provided by the retailer or its agent; and,
- the appliance is assembled in accordance with the manufacturer’s assembly instructions.

Retailers that offer assembly services must put in place a program on the proper assembly of outdoor fuel appliances and must ensure that any person who assembles the appliances is trained. Proof of training must be made available to TSSA inspectors upon request.

“These changes support public safety and business and kicks off what will hopefully be a great summer BBQ season,” said Mr. Marshall.

### **About TSSA**

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) is Ontario’s public safety regulator, mandated by the Government of Ontario to enforce provincial safety regulations and enhance public safety. Throughout Ontario, TSSA regulates the safety of amusement devices, boilers and pressure vessels, elevating devices, fuels, operating engineers, ski lifts, and upholstered and stuffed articles. Its range of safety services include public education and consumer information, certification, licensing and registration, engineering design review, inspections, investigations, safety management consultation, and enforcement and prosecution activities. The organization’s vision is to be a valued advocate and recognized authority in public safety.



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