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Don Woods Fuel Ltd. guilty of illegal truck-to-truck transfers

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Toronto, ON, June 1, 2017) – Don Woods Fuel Limited was convicted by the Ontario Court of Justice for performing an illegal truck-to-truck transfer of propane in Tweed, contrary to the Propane Storage and Handling Regulation ([Ontario 211/01](#)).

In October 2015, TSSA inspectors received a tip that repeated truck-to-truck transfers of propane regularly occurred in a lot near Tweed, Ontario. TSSA investigated the tip and Two Don Woods Fuel employees confirmed that a number of illegal truck-to-truck transfers occurred throughout 2014 and 2015.

Transfers of propane from truck-to-truck are prohibited in Ontario unless they occur at a propane filling plant. Truck-to-truck transfers outside of a filling plant are a significant concern due to the risk of an explosion during transfer.

The Ontario Court of Justice accepted the guilty plea from Don Woods Fuel Ltd. for conducting illegal truck-to-truck transfers of propane and fined the company \$20,000 plus the mandatory 25% victim fine surcharge for a total penalty of \$25,000.

“While the national propane code allows truck-to-truck transfer,” says John Marshall, Director of TSSA’s Fuels Safety Program, “TSSA prohibits truck-to-truck transfer in the best interest of Ontarians and enhanced public safety.” TSSA additionally enforces more stringent requirements, such as risk and safety management plans for small and large propane fuel facilities.

About TSSA

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) is one of Ontario’s key public safety regulators mandated by the Government of Ontario to enforce provincial safety regulations and enhance the safety of Ontarians. 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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