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**Subject: Commissioning of and Putting Appliances into Use**

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These advisory addresses industry concerns regarding the responsibilities of contractors and certificate holders who install and commission gaseous appliances and fuel distributors who supply fuel to those appliances at residential homes, particularly during construction. The CSA B-149.1, Natural Gas and Propane Installation, code requires that all appliances be installed and commissioned in compliance with code and manufacturer's instructions.

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) recognizes that under certain circumstances, including new home construction or renovation, the contractors and certificate holders who install the appliances may not be the party who commissions the appliance. There is no regulatory requirement that the installer of a gas appliance shall also perform the commissioning.

Certificate holders and contractors, who participate in the installation or commissioning of the appliance(s), and fuel distributors, are expected to ensure compliance with the following obligations:

Certificate holders:

- Shall possess the certificate appropriate for the fuel rating of the appliance whether installing or commissioning
- When commissioning an appliance:
  - Shall ensure that the appliance is installed in a safe manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the CSA-B-149.1 code
  - Shall ensure all appropriate tests are performed to ensure the appliance is in safe operating condition
- If this situation involves supply gas to the premise for the first time (other than construction heat), the certificate holder can use gas for the purpose of commissioning; however, the appliance(s) cannot be put into use until the distributor has completed their initial inspection. The certificate holder shall turn the gas off and tag the upstream gas valve(s) that it shall remain off until the distributor completes their initial inspection
- The certificate holder who commissions the appliance(s) takes responsibility that the installation(s) is safe for use and meets the fuel safety regulations including the CSA 149.1 Code, the manufacturer's installation instructions

Contractors:

- Shall ensure that the certificate holder who installs or commissions the appliance holds the appropriate certificate
- Shall ensure that employees engaged in the installation or commissioning of appliance(s) are in compliance with the TSS Act, its associated regulations, codes and manufacturer's installation instructions

**Distributors:**

- Shall ensure that their initial inspection includes all the appliances that are installed at the time of occupancy including ensuring that the appliance(s) have been installed in accordance with all applicable requirements, have been commissioned in accordance with the code and manufacturer's installation instructions and the work performed by the certificate holder(s) ensure the appliances are safe to use

Certificate holders, contractors and distributors all play a key role in the safety chain and must ensure that the appliance(s), during and post-construction, are safe for use.

TSSA has no authority or position on warranty issues