

LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS STATUTES

Administration: These statutes are administered by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Division of Weights and Measures, State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509. Telephone: (402) 471-4292.

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Rules: There are no regulations currently promulgated under these statutes.

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57-508. Sale of gas; units of measurement. It shall be unlawful to sell at retail or wholesale or offer for sale at retail or wholesale any liquefied petroleum gas except specified in pounds; liquid measure, specified in gallons; or vapor, specified in cubic feet or such other units as may be approved by the Department of Agriculture.

57-509. Sale by weight; marking required. When liquefied petroleum gas is sold at retail or wholesale or offered for sale at retail or wholesale by weight, in packages or containers, the tare weight of the container, and the net weight of the contents shall be plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the container or on a label firmly attached thereto. Tare weight shall not be construed to include the valve protecting cap, which shall be removed when weighing. It shall be a violation of sections 57-508 to 57-516 to sell or offer or expose for sale liquefied petroleum gas in packages or containers which do not bear a statement as to tare and net weight as required by this section, or which packages or containers bear a false statement as to weights.

57-510. Weighing and measuring devices; testing; duties of Department of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture is

authorized to test all weighing and measuring devices used in the retail or wholesale sale of liquefied petroleum gas, and shall condemn all such devices which are found (a) to be inaccurate and (b) do not clearly indicate the quantity of liquefied petroleum gas in pounds, or gallons, or cubic feet or other unit approved by the department. It shall be unlawful to use a weighing or measuring device for determining quantities of liquefied petroleum gas which has been condemned by the department. The department shall conspicuously mark all condemned devices, which mark shall not be removed or defaced except upon authorization of the said department or authorized representatives. It shall be unlawful to use a vapor meter dial which is not equipped with a cubic foot indicator for testing the accuracy of the meter.

57-511. Sale; invoices; information required. An invoice shall be submitted to the purchaser showing the quantity of liquefied petroleum gas sold, expressed in pounds, or gallons, or cubic feet, or other unit approved by the Department of Agriculture. When vapor meters reading in approved units other than cubic feet are used, the invoice shall clearly indicate to the purchaser a factor to convert to gallons.

57-512. Sale of gas; rules and regulations; tolerances. The Department of Agriculture is authorized to promulgate and adopt such rules and regulations and establish tolerances within a maximum of two per cent, plus or minus, which may be necessary for the enforcement of sections 57-508 to 57-516.

57-513. Refilling of package or container; credit for unused liquid. When liquefied petroleum gas is sold by the package or container, either by a refilling of a container or an exchange of containers, the vendor shall give the purchaser full credit for the unused liquid remaining in a container being exchanged or refilled.

57-514. Vehicle tank; equipment. Each vehicle tank, used in the retail or wholesale sale of liquefied petroleum gas, shall be equipped with a meter for measurement of liquefied petroleum gas in terms of gallons, and shall not be equipped with a by-pass around the meter; Provided, that the prohibition of a by-pass is not intended to prohibit the use of an equalization line.

57-515. Sale; correction for temperature; sale tickets; contents. Liquefied petroleum gas sold or delivered to a consumer and measured by the gallon as liquid shall be corrected for temperature in accordance with the volume correction factor table for liquefied petroleum gases, being schedule A of this section. All retail or wholesale sale tickets shall show the metered gallons and the temperature at the time of delivery and the corrected gallonage. This section shall not apply to unit sales or deliveries made direct to mobile fuel tanks, consisting of less than one hundred gallons. To convert from measured volume at another temperature to net volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit: measure the volume and temperature. Determine the gravity at 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Refer to the column corresponding to this gravity and read the volume conversion factor

opposite the observed temperature. Multiply the observed volume by this factor to obtain the volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

57-516. Unlawful sale; violation; penalties. Any person who violates any of the provisions of sections 57-508 to 57-516 shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor.

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