Article 56 - Licenses

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- (a) (1) Every motor fuel wholesaler, diesel seller, heating oil distributor, manufacturer, refiner, jobber, and retail service station dealer before marketing and special fuels shall register with gasoline Comptroller of the Treasury before selling or exposing or offering for sale any gasoline, other motor vehicle fuels or special fuels and shall register annually and shall make known to the Comptroller his desire to sell gasoline and special fuels giving the name and manner and kind of pump or pumps he will use and the location of same, and shall keep the certificate or certificates of registration issued by the Comptroller of the Treasury, posted in a prominent and accessible place in his place of business where such gasoline and special fuels are sold. The form of that certificate shall be designated by the Comptroller of the Treasury. Certificates of registration may not be issued to retail service station dealers marketing motor vehicle fuel through retail outlets enlarged, altered, or structurally modified (other than as may be required by appropriate governmental authority) in any way after July 1, 1977, {and before July 1, 1981 1983 1984,} unless the facilities contain enclosed work areas where service of motor vehicles is offered to customers, irrespective of whether or not motor vehicle fuel is purchased, including, but not limited to lubrication, oil change, tire repair, battery charge, and replacement of accessories such as fan belts, radiator hose and wiper blades. This restriction does not apply tof: (i)} stations which do not have such enclosed work areas prior to the time that they are enlarged, altered or structurally modified-f; or (ii) stations enlarged, altered, or structurally modified when local zoning boards or planning commissions rule in favor of conversions to gasoline-only outlets after considering the needs for this type of service to the general public in the locality, AND UPON AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OWNER AND DEALER. (2) Notwithstanding the above, all contractual relationships between suppliers and dealers must conform to the Maryland GASOHOL AND Gasoline Products Marketing Act and the federal Petroleum Products Marketing Act. [(3) A service station which has been closed 30 days or more prior to August 31, 1978, shall be considered as newly established, for the purposes of this section, at the time as it is reopened and offering motor vehicle fuel for sale to the general public.]
- (f) (1) If the Comptroller of the Treasury finds any person willfully marketing gasoline and special fuels that have not been approved, or willfully using petroleum product advertisements which are deceptive or misleading the Comptroller of the Treasury shall issue a stop sale notice. In addition to a stop sale notice, the Comptroller may suspend or revoke any certification of registration for any violation of this section, INCLUDING THE FILING OF ANY FALSE