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Our compliance reviews have provided us with an excellent opportunity to interact one on one with our participants. The feedback we are receiving is very positive but there are a few questions that have come up again that we wanted to share with everyone. Below are those questions and our response. If you have more questions or require further clarification please contact us.

**1. Can Advance Disposal Fee (ADF) Returns be submitted on a quarterly basis, instead of monthly?**

*This is currently not an option – Returns must be sent in each month. If no new tires were sold during a particular month, a Nil Return must be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month to keep your account in good standing. It can be faxed to 250.598.9119 / toll free 1.877.598.9119*

**2. What are the penalties if I remit late?**

*Interest applies at a rate of 1% per month (12.6825% annually) compounded monthly and calculated from the date the interest became payable. Currently there are no penalties.*

**3. Is the ADF applicable on all tire types, e.g. ATVs?**

*Schedule A categorizes the tires by tire type and ADF and also lists those tires which are exempt. A copy is available on our web site at [www.tsbc.ca](http://www.tsbc.ca)*

**4. Do wholesalers charge the ADF to a TSBC registered retailer?**

*Yes - if the purchaser has a 4 digit TSBC registration number (generators)*

*No- if the purchaser has a 5 digit number (retailers)*

*The wholesaler should record the registration number on the sales invoice. A list of registered retailers and generators is available on the TSBC website or you can call the TSBC office for verification.*

**5. Under the government program there was a Social Services Taxation Bulletin that provided specific guidelines on applicable and non applicable ADF situations, does something like this exist under the Tire Stewardship BC program?**

*Yes. The Retailer Remittance Guidelines document provides this type of information. A copy can found on our web site under [Industry Corner](#).*

**6. Does the ADF apply on warranty tires?**

*Yes, because both the new tire and the replaced tire will end up being recycled. How the retailers recoup the ADF is up to them e.g. from the customer, the manufacturer, etc.*

**7. Is the ADF applicable on sales to Registered Indians or Indian Bands?**

*Yes. The government tire levy, which was in effect until December 31, 2006, was part of the Social Services Tax Act which made it exempt for this group. The TSBC ADF is a private industry fee and so the exemption does not apply.*

**8. Does the ADF apply on new tires or equipment with new tires shipped out of province?**

*No, but the retailer is required to retain documentation relating to the out-of-province delivery to substantiate non-remittance of the ADF for that sale.*



**9. Does the ADF apply on new tires or equipment with new tires purchased in BC by a non-resident?**

Yes.

**10. Is the ADF payable on tires on vehicles that are imported into BC?**

Yes, for tires on vehicles imported **from the US effective May 1, 2010**. The ADF will be collected by the Registrar of Imported Vehicles (RIV) inspection stations at the time of vehicle inspection, on behalf of TSBC. Please refer to our web site for further information @ [www.tsbc.ca/ecofees](http://www.tsbc.ca/ecofees).

**10. How does the scrap tire collection process work and who do I call?**

If you require scrap tire collection and do not have a regular hauler you should call Western Rubber at 1-866-497-0281 to arrange for collection. Otherwise, speak directly with your hauler and discuss the schedule. TSBC expects the hauler and the retailer to work together and to understand/appreciate each other's constraints/issues but if problems still occur you should call Western Rubber. If that does not resolve the issue please call us at 1.866.759.0488.

**11. Why are there a minimum number of tires required for free collection?**

If less than 50 tires are available for collection, the hauler will come but the retailer should expect to pay a service fee. TSBC, in consultation with the haulers, set the limit at 50 as the hauler needs to set up a financially viable system and this level was considered the minimum required to achieve that. The haulers have requested, on several occasions, that this level be raised to 100 but TSBC's Board of Directors have denied those requests.

**12. Is there a cost to have tires collected?**

There is no cost if the retailers / generators:

- have a minimum of 50 scrap tires, clean and off rim, for pick-up, and
- make scrap tires easily and readily accessible defined as the tires being stored in a location that is free and clear of any obstructions and / or debris and allows the tires to be directly loaded onto the hauler's truck.

Retailers and generators who desire a higher standard of service should expect to pay additional service fees to cover the additional expense incurred by haulers and/or should shop around for the best combination of rates and service.

**13. What is the Return to Retailer program and what's in it for me?**

The Return to Retailer (R2R) program allows consumers a free alternative to disposing of their orphan tires in landfills. TSBC has set some rules for consumers to ensure the program is only used for its intended purpose. Registering with R2R demonstrates a retailer's support for tire recycling. Often this helps build the retailer's customer base and quite possibly adds to their inventory of saleable, used tires. Details of the program, including a list of participants, can be found on TSBC's website under [Pick Up / Drop Off](#).

**14. If we open an additional location, can we use the same registration number?**

No. Each location must have an individual registration number. This is of particular importance when it comes to scrap tire pick up. The collection system identifies a retailer by their registration number which is linked to a location. The location information is required in order to pay the correct transportation incentive to the hauler.

**15. If we sell our business does our registration number transfer automatically to the new owner?**

*No. You must complete a Notification of Sale / Closure form that advises us that you have sold your business. Until such time that we have received your form **and** your account is up to date, your registration number will remain active and as such you are considered responsible for the account. Upon closure of the account by us your registration number will be de-activated. The new owner must register with TSBC and a new registration number for their business will be allocated. For a copy of the Notification of Sale / Closure form please contact us.*

**16. What should I do if I suspect a business selling new tires is not registered with TSBC?**

***Contact us immediately and we will follow up.** The BC Recycling Regulation requires all retailers that sell, offer for sale or distribute new tires or equipment with new tires must register with TSBC or have an approved stewardship plan of their own. Failure to comply with this requirement can result in fines of up to \$200,000.*

*If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.*

*Thanks*