

# Fuel Safety Bulletin

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### Oil-burning appliance certification

**PURPOSE:** To inform Fuel Safety Inspectors, Boiler Inspectors and the general public, of current installation standards for oil-burning appliance installations in Nova Scotia.

**BACKGROUND: Clause 4.1.1 of the CSA B139-09 Installation Code for Oil-Burning Equipment states:**

**4.1.1** Oil-burning equipment shall be certified and shall be installed for its intended use.

Appliances, accessories, components, tanks, and any other items associated with the oil-burning equipment shall be certified.

**Similar statements have been in all B-139 codes since the first printing in 1957.**

This industry has been operating unregulated in the past, and the CSA B139 code was only officially adopted by the Fuel Safety Regulations in 2006.

**Section 85 of the Fuel Safety Regulations states:**

- 85** (1) A person must not *sell*, install, use, repair, service or maintain an *oil appliance*, supply tank or *equipment*, unless it is *certified*.
- (2) An *oil appliance*, supply tank or *equipment* that does not bear a certification mark from a recognized certification organization is deemed to be not *certified* unless the contrary is proven.

**POLICY:** Any boiler or other oil-burning appliance, installed after 2004, even though it may be a used piece of equipment, must bear a legible, recognized certification mark on its rating plate. This mark, of course, applies to the appliance as it was initially constructed. Any addition of new burner management systems, more modern burners, or any other changes to the configuration of the appliance, voids the certification of the unit and makes it illegal for sale or use in this province.