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Propane/natural gas-burning Appliance Certification

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

BACKGROUND: *Clause 4.2.1 of the CSA B149.1-10 Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code states:*

An appliance, accessory, component, equipment, or material used in an installation shall be of a type and rating approved for the specific purpose for which it is employed.

Similar statements have been in all B-149 codes since the first printing in the late 50s.

Section 12 of the *Fuel Safety Regulations* states:

- 12(1) A person must not *sell*, install, use, repair, service or maintain a *gas appliance, container or equipment*, unless it is *certified*.
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (3), a *gas appliance, container 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 gas-burning appliance, 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.

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