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Subject: Illinois EPA Releases Frequently Asked Questions on Lead Wheel Weight Ban
Document Outlines Enforcement and Penalties for Violating the New Law

On March 29, 2011, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency issued a Frequently Asked Questions Document to assist in the mandatory transition to non-lead wheel weights. This document outlines enforcement and penalties for violating the new law as well as important information on the law itself, lead disposal options, and other helpful topics to assist in your transition.

Download the Illinois EPA FAQ sheet at <http://www.perfectequipment.com/FAQ.aspx>

As reported in prior market updates, the Illinois Law banning lead wheel weights goes in to effect January 1, 2010. On and after the same date, no one may sell or distribute wheel weights made of lead.

**Environmental Protection Act
(415 Illinois Combined Statutes 5/22.23c)**

Sec. 22.23c. Vehicle wheel weights.

(a) In this Section:

"New vehicle" has the same meaning as ascribed in Section 1-148.4 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

"Vehicle" has the same meaning as ascribed in Section 1-217 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

(b) On and after January 1, 2012, no person shall use a weight or other product to balance a vehicle wheel or tire if the weight or other product contains mercury that was intentionally added during the manufacturing process or contains more than 0.1 percent lead by weight.

(c) On and after January 1, 2012, no person shall sell, offer to sell, distribute, or offer to distribute a weight or other product for balancing a vehicle wheel or tire if the weight or other product contains mercury that was intentionally added during the manufacturing process or contains more than 0.1 percent lead by weight.

(d) On and after January 1, 2012, no person shall sell a new vehicle equipped with a weight or other product used to balance a vehicle wheel or tire if the weight or other product contains mercury that was intentionally added during the manufacturing process or contains more than 0.1 percent lead by weight.

(Source: P.A. 96-1296, eff. 7-26-10.)

As the industry makes this change, we are committed to providing you with support. We encourage you to stay informed by utilizing our team of experts as a resource throughout this transition. Please call (800) 251-1566 or log onto www.perfectequipment.com for more information.

Enclosure: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency FAQ Sheet: Lead and Mercury Wheel Weight Ban