



One pager on EN 16942:2016 'Fuels – Identification of vehicle compatibility – Graphical expression for consumer information'

Summary

From 12 October 2018, consumers will benefit from the use of standardised graphical symbols to help them know which fuel, of an increasing number of alternative fuels, is suitable for their vehicles. ANEC represented the collective European consumer voice in the drafting of the European Standard, EN 16942:2016 'Fuels – Identification of vehicle compatibility – Graphical expression for consumer information'.

Background

EN 16942 supports the implementation of Article 7 of the Directive 2014/94/EU "on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure". It specifies a graphical symbol placed on both the refuelling point and the vehicle. The standard stipulates the size, shape, colour and the location where the symbol needs to be placed on the refuelling points and on the vehicle.

The growing diversity of fuels available on the market indicated a need to provide vehicle users with clear and straightforward information on liquid and gaseous fuels sold at filling stations and on which fuel is suitable for their vehicles.

Article 7 of the Directive requires Member States to ensure that relevant, consistent and clear information is provided to consumers on the compatibility of their vehicles with the fuels placed on the market. According to the Directive, when available, this information should be based on the provisions of European Standards.

The new symbols will be used in all 28 EU Member States and the other EEA countries (Iceland, Lichtenstein & Norway), as well as the FY Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Switzerland & Turkey.

More information can be found in the ANEC [Infographic](#) and [video](#) on fuel labelling.

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