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New Emission Standards to commence 1 July 2020

Members of the VACC Farm and Industrial Machinery Association (FIMDA) and Motorcycle Industry Division (MID) are advised that from 1 July 2020 Australia has new emissions standards for outdoor power equipment and marine engines.

The new rules were due for activation from 1 July 2019, this timeframe was extended after concerns raised by industry regarding the impact of the drought with respect to demand for new product and the issue of dealers being left with excess uncertifiable stock.

The new Emissions Standards are made under the Product Emissions Standards Act 2017.

What products will be affected by the new standard?

The Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment advises that the standard will apply to the following products:

- new spark-ignition engines with a maximum power of 19 kilowatts, or 25.5 horsepower. These can be used in household and commercial operations, and include lawn mowers, ride-on mowers, mulchers, leaf blowers, generators, pumps, chain saws, and other small handheld or pushed/pulled equipment.
- new spark-ignition engines used in marine vessels including outboard engines, personal watercraft and stern-drive engines.

The noxious emissions standards apply to new products. The new standards will not apply to engines and equipment people already own, or to second-hand engines and equipment.

What action should FIMDA and MID members take?

FIMDA and MID members are urged to control inventory levels of the affected stock. Members should also make themselves aware of the finer intricacies of the new standard by visiting the Department's webpage by taking <u>this link</u>.

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