The Benzene in Gasoline Regulations include provisions that allow for alternative sampling or analysis methods to be used by a primary supplier for reporting purposes. A primary supplier proposing to use an equivalent test method for reporting purposes must provide to Environment Canada at least 60 days notice before using the method, a description of the method and evidence that it is equivalent to the reference method. Where the sampling or analysis methods being used at a site have been demonstrated as equivalent methods pursuant to section 6 of the Benzene in Gasoline Regulations, those methods can also be used for reporting purposes under the Sulphur in Gasoline Regulations. Please refer to both regulations for specific requirements.

The following table summarizes those methods for which equivalency for reporting purposes has been demonstrated in accordance with the *Benzene in Gasoline Regulations*. Primary suppliers proposing to use these methods for reporting under the Regulations may refer to this information in respect to the evidence of equivalency requirements of section 6 of the Regulations. (Note that information in the table regarding equivalent test methods is subject to change and therefore should be verified with Environment Canada prior to such use)

Equivalent Methods for Sampling and Analysis under the Benzene in Gasoline Regulations

Benzene in Gasonne Regulations			
Section 5: Reference Methods Specified in Regulation ¹	Section 6: Equivalent Methods	Date of EC's Acknowledgement Letter	
5(1) Sampling by any ASTM method set out in section 7 of CAN/CGSB 3.5-99 Unleaded Automotive Gasoline	Consumers' Co-operative Refineries Limited In-house method CCRL Modified CGSB Gasoline Batch Sampling Method	June 16, 1999	
Includes: ASTM D4177 Standard Practice for Automated Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products ASTM D5842 Standard Practice for Sampling and Handing of Fuels for Volatility Measurement ASTM D5854 Standard Practice for Mixing and Handing of Liquid Samples of Petroleum and Petroleum Products ASTM D2885 Standard Test Method for Determination of Octane Number of Spark-Ignition Engine Fuels by On-Line Direct Comparison Technique ASTM D4057 Standard Practice for Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products	Shell In-house Sampling Method	August 28, 2002	

Equivalent Methods for Sampling and Analysis under the Benzene in Gasoline Regulations

Benzene in Gasoline Regulations			
Section 5: Reference Methods Specified in Regulation ¹	Section 6: Equivalent Methods	Date of EC's Acknowledgement Letter	
5(2) Concentration of benzene and aromatics in gasoline CAN/CGSB 3.0 No. 14.3-94 Standard Test Method for the Identification of Hydrocarbon Components in Automotive Gasoline Using Gas Chromatography	Imperial Oil In-house Method ECIM 2024 Benzene and Total Aromatics in Motor Gasoline (Mogas) by Gas Chromatography Shell In-house Detailed Hydrocarbon Analysis	April 28, 1999 June 14, 1999	
5(3) Concentration of olefins in gasoline CAN/CGSB 3.0 No. 14.3-94 Standard Test Method for the Identification of Hydrocarbon Components in Automotive Gasoline Using Gas Chromatography	N/A	N/A	
5(4) Concentration of sulphur in gasoline ² ASTM D5453-00 Standard Test Method for Determination of Total Sulfur in Light Hydrocarbons, Motor Fuels and Oils by Ultraviolet Fluorescence	ASTM D7039 Standard Test Method for Sulfur in Gasoline and Diesel Fuel by Monochromatic Wavelength Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry Equivalency valid only for sulphur concentrations in the range of 2 to 500 mg/kg	October 25, 2005	
5(5) Vapour pressure of gasoline at 37.8 °C ASTM D5191-01 Standard Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products (Mini Method)	ASTM D5482 Standard Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products (Mini Method-Atmospheric) Imperial Oil House method Q5482	November 17, 1998 March 2001	
5(6) Evaporative fractions of gasoline @ 93.3 °C (E200) and 148.9 °C (E300) ASTM D86-01 Standard Test Method for Distillation of Petroleum Products at Atmospheric Pressure	N/A	N/A	
5(7) Concentration of oxygen in gasoline CAN/CGSB 3.0 No. 14.3-94 Standard Test Method for the Identification of Hydrocarbon Components in Automotive Gasoline Using Gas Chromatography	ASTM D4815 Standard Test Method for Determination of MTBE, ETBE, TAME, DIPE, Amyl Alcohol and C ₁ to C ₄ Alcohols in Gasoline by Gas Chromatography	January 26, 1999	

Equivalent Methods for Sampling and Analysis under the Benzene in Gasoline Regulations

Section 5: Reference Methods Specified in Regulation ¹	Section 6: Equivalent Methods	Date of EC's Acknowledgement Letter
5(8) Concentration of benzene and aromatics in oxygenates	Imperial Oil In-house Method ECIM 2024 Benzene and Total Aromatics in Motor Gasoline (Mogas) by Gas Chromatography	April 28, 1999
CAN/CGSB 3.0 No. 14.3-94 Standard Test Method for the Identification of Hydrocarbon Components in Automotive Gasoline Using Gas Chromatography		
5(9) Concentration of benzene and aromatics in butane		
ASTM D2163-91 Standard Test Method for Analysis of Liquefied Petroleum (LP) Gases and Propane Concentrates by Gas Chromatography	N/A	N/A
5(10) Concentration of sulphur in oxygenates ³		
ASTM D5453-00 Standard Test Method for Determination of Total Sufur in Light Hydrocarbons, Motor Fuels and Oils by Ultraviolet Fluorescence	N/A	N/A
5(11) Concentration of sulphur in butane		
ASTM D6667-01 Standard Test Method for Determination of Total Volatile Sulfur in Gaseous Hydrocarbons and Liquefied Petroleum Gases by Ultraviolet Fluorescence	N/A	N/A

N/A indicates that Environment Canada has not sent acknowledgment letters recognizing the equivalency for these reference methods.

May 26, 1999 amendments to subsection 5(4) of the Regulations changed the test method for sulphur in gasoline to CAN/CGSB 3.0 No. 16.1-98, Sulphur in Gasoline by Energy Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometry (EDXRF) from ASTM D2622-94, Standard Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum Products by X-Ray Spectrometry. Prior to the amendments, Environment Canada had sent acknowledgment letters recognizing the equivalency of ASTM D5453 and CGSB 3.0 No. 16.1-98 to ASTM D2622.

¹ Subsection 1(2) of the Regulations automatically incorporates amendments to the reference methods.

² October 8, 2003 amendments to subsection 5(4) of the Regulations changed the test method for sulphur in gasoline to ASTM D5453-00, *Standard Test Method for Determination of Total Sulfur in Light Hydrocarbons, Motor Fuels and Oils by Ultraviolet Fluorescence* from CAN/CGSB 3.0 No. 16.1-98, *Sulphur in Gasoline by Energy Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometry (EDXRF).*

³ October 8, 2003 amendments to subsection 5(10) of the Regulations changed the test method for sulphur in oxygenates to ASTM D5453-00, *Standard Test Method for Determination of Total Sulfur in Light Hydrocarbons, Motor Fuels and Oils by Ultraviolet Fluorescence* from ASTM D2622-94, *Standard Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum Products by X-Ray Spectrometry*. Prior to the amendments, Environment Canada had sent acknowledgment letters recognizing the equivalency of CGSB 3.0 No. 16.1-98 *Sulphur in Gasoline by Energy Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometry (EDXRF)* to ASTM D2622.