

Notice to Tire Sellers

Social Service Tax Act

If you sell new tires, you need to be aware of the following important change to the environmental levy on new tires.

In the February 2006 Budget, the Minister of Finance announced that the environmental levy on new tires would be repealed when an industry-led stewardship program for tires is implemented.

Effective January 1, 2007, Tire Stewardship B.C. (TSBC) will implement and manage an industry-led stewardship program. The new tire stewardship program places the responsibility on tire producers to manage and reduce the environmental impact of tires all the way through the tire's life cycle and will replace the current government-led Financial Incentives for Recycling Scrap Tires (FIRST) program.

This means that, effective January 1, 2007, tire sellers will no longer charge the existing \$3 environmental levy on new tire sales. However, tire sellers must continue to charge the \$3 levy until midnight, December 31, 2006, and remit it with their regular social service tax returns.

The environmental levy will be replaced in the new tire stewardship program. TSBC will introduce an advance disposal fee (ADF), which will vary with the type of tire sold. All tire sellers must participate in an approved stewardship plan. TSBC is requesting that tire sellers register with TSBC by December 15, 2006.

Further Information

Please refer to the Tire Stewardship B.C. website: www.tirestewardshipbc.ca

For further information on the new tire stewardship program, please contact TSBC.

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