

ATC POSITION ON  
MANDATING OF FUEL ADDITIVES IN EUROPE

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## **Mandating of Fuel Additives in Europe**

It is the position of ATC that there is not a compelling need to mandate the use of detergent fuel additives within Europe. This position is based upon:

- European markets provide customers the opportunity to purchase gasoline that is treated with performance additives to an effective level.
- Mandating the use of detergent fuel additives diminishes market forces that currently drive their use at effective levels.
- Experience of mandating additives in other markets has caused treat rates to reduce to the point of providing less than optimal performance due to the difficulties in implementing a regulatory, as opposed to a market driven, process.

If a mandatory process is to be considered, ATC would recommend that appropriate performance-based measures should be established and that essential elements would need to include:

- Standardised test methods based on performance representative of real-world conditions.
- The setting of effective limits based on engine tests developed using sound statistical science with appropriate test fuels.
- An effective process to maintain the integrity, consistency and veracity of the certification test programmes and test laboratories over time.

If the subject of mandatory use of additivation is of interest, ATC welcomes the opportunity to discuss solutions to the above points with relevant industry stakeholders.

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