

Important Notice to Policyholders

RE: Ontario Boiler and Pressure Vessel Regulations For Agricultural Operations

Dear Policyholder,

On July 17th, 2020, it was announced that all boilers and pressure vessels used exclusively for agricultural purposes must comply with the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Regulation in Ontario (O. Reg 220/01). Previously, agricultural boilers and pressure vessels had been exempted from requiring Certificates of Inspection. This updated regulation will require owners and operators of boilers and pressure equipment in use for agricultural purposes to:

1. Provide Boiler and Pressure Vessel equipment information in writing to TSSA as soon as possible and;
2. Comply with Ontario Regulation 220/01 by July 1st 2021.

The agricultural exemption revocation will bring consistency across Canada and reduce the risk to public safety in the agricultural sector. This bulletin will help you understand how it will apply to your farming operations.

What are the Boilers and Pressure Vessel (BPV) regulations in Ontario?

The BPV regulation applies to the design, construction, maintenance, use, operation, repair and service of boilers, pressure vessels and piping in Ontario.

Why do owners need a Certificate of Inspection for their boilers and pressure vessels?

An inspection of boilers, pressure vessels or pressure piping systems ensures that the applicable standards and regulations are met. When equipment is improperly installed, used or maintained, it can potentially cause a catastrophic accident, such as an explosion. This type of event can be prevented through periodic inspections.

What is the process?

The TSSA will require you to send information such as number of steam boilers operating above 15psi, number of steam boilers operating at or below 15psi and water boilers, number of refrigeration systems using ammonia, carbon dioxide or other refrigerant than Group A1 refrigerants, and list other type of pressure equipment, and where available, equipment manufacturer's name and year of manufacture, among other items. This is so the TSSA can prioritize and prepare to inspect your farm equipment.

How can you prepare?

As a policyholder, you may request an inspection, which will be carried out by HSB Canada at no additional cost to you. This does not mean HSB Canada will be able to provide the inspection in place of the TSSA but HSB Canada will help you identify any farming equipment that will require an inspection from the TSSA. Once the TSSA issues the Certificate of Insurance, your in force policy means HSB Canada will continue to handle future periodic inspections in accordance with the standards and regulations.

For more information about the new regulations, refer to www.tssa.org and the [TSSA Revocation of Agricultural Exemption FAQ](#).

We are pleased to provide this service to you. Thank you for insuring with us.

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