



Date: December 11, 2020

To: ACC Code of Practice Practitioners and Interested Parties

Subject: **Notice: Termination of ACC PAP COVID-19 Emergency Protocol for Lubricants Additives**

On April 20, 2020, The American Chemistry Council's Petroleum Additives Panel (ACC PAP) announced the effective date of ACC's PAP COVID-19 Emergency Protocol for Lubricant Additives to the automotive/lubricant industry (*attached*).

A second announcement was issued to the automotive/lubricant industry on August 17, 2020 announcing the extension of the ACC PAP COVID-19 Emergency Protocol for Lubricant Additives to expire on December 31, 2020 (*attached*).

In November 2020, ACC PAP reached unanimous consensus to terminate the ACC PAP COVID-19 Emergency Protocol for Lubricant Additives effective December 31, 2020.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Best regards,

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ATTACHMENTS

**April 20, 2020 Announcement of ACC PAP COVID-19
Emergency Protocol for Lubricant Additives**

**August 17, 2020 Extension of ACC PAP COVID-19 Emergency
Protocol for Lubricant Additives**

ACC PAP COVID-19 Emergency Protocol for Lubricants Additives

Issued: April 20, 2020

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As such, each company can consider and employ the following emergency protocol:

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- Exchanges will be limited to well established and proven chemistries which are of similar chemical composition or function, deemed acceptable based on the companies' technical judgement and already in use of similar applications.
- The total amount of component exchanges will be limited to the minimum that is strictly necessary to maintain supply and for which there is adequate technical justification and subject to customer agreement.
- The component exchanges shall be documented and provided to customers or approving bodies. Documentation must include technical support for the interchange and plan/timeline for return to normal operation.
- Exchanges can only be made during the duration of this Emergency Protocol.

Effective Date/Duration

This Emergency Protocol is effective on April 20, 2020 and expires 120 days after the effective date with the option to extend in writing by the ACC PAP. Upon expiration of the Emergency Protocol, all products will revert back to the original approved formulation within 90 days unless the new formulation is going through a MoC, in which case said MOC must be completed within 180 days of the expiration of this Emergency Protocol.

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