GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

O/ the Transport Commissioner, Chepauk, Chennai-5

R No 39467/C2/2016 Dated: 08 11 2016

CIRCULAR No 34/2016

Sub: Motor Vehicles – Use of LPG as fuel in Motor Vehicles – Alternate use of LPG as fuel in Motor Vehicles – alteration to fit Lovato LPG Kits in Four wheelers- Approval – Regarding.

Ref: Letter No. EF/TG-12/030/16-17 received from Eco fuels System India Private Limited, Mumbai-400 075 Dated: 21/10/2016.

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Consequent to the Amendment of Sec 52 of the Motor Vehicles Act 1988, the Government of India have amended the Rule 115 and 116 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989 prescribing the emission norms and safety checks for the use of LPG as fuel in motor vehicles.

To make necessary endorsements in Certificate of Registration of vehicles duly permitting LPG as auto fuel, it should be ensured that the Retro-Fitments Kits are from the authorized manufacturers having the requisite type approval certificate from one of the testing agencies appointed by the Government of India under Rule 126 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989. For this purpose, the vehicle should be fitted with Auto LPG Cylinder permanently in the vehicle as approved by the Chief Controller of Explosives (CCOE) Under the Gas Cylinder Rules 1961.

The International Centre for Automotive Technology Gurgaon, Haryana approved LOVATO GAS / LOVATO OBD II LPG Kits by Officine Lovato Private Limited 101 1st Floor Kamla Executive Park, MIDC Cross Road, "B" Andheri(East), Mumbai-400 098 with the following certificates

Certificate No

1) ii C A K I 0116 from the International Centre for Automotive Technology, Gurgaon, Haryana D: 25/08/2015

Maruti Wagon R Stingray Vxi 988cc August 2013 make meets Bharat State-IV norms.
ii) C A K L 0116 L 03 from the International Centre for Automotive Technology, Gurgaon, Haryana Dt 27/06/2016

TATA HAICO 1199CC, MARUTI BALENO 1197CC, RENAULT KWID 799CC,
MADINDRA KUV 100 1198CC AND VOLKSWAGEN AMEO 1197 meets Bharat
Stage IV norms.

All the registering authorities in the state are informed to verify

1 Electrical Circuit Diagram

2 Brief description of system

3 Technical Specification

4 The certificate no.

i) C A K L 0116 L 03 from the International Centre for Automotive Technology, Gurgaon, Haryana Dt 27/06/2016 is valid for the 3 years from the date of its issue or until further amendment in Central Motor Vehicle Rules or till the validity of Bharat Stage IV norms whichever is earlier.

ii) C A K L 0116 L 03 from the International Centre for Automotive Technology, Gurgaon, Haryana Dt 27/06/2016 is valid for the 3 years from the date of its issue or until further amendment in Central Motor Vehicle Rules or till the validity of Bharat Stage IV norms whichever is earlier.

5. All the registering authorities in the state are hereby informed to ensure that, the following conditions are fulfilled before permitting any alteration in registration:

i) The Registering Authorities shall at the time of registration, verify approval of the Chief Controller of Explosives (CCOE) for the Auto LPG Tank and Multifunction Value in respect of the following in each individual case:

ii) Specify make and identification as referred in Annexure – I & II of the certificate

iii) Documental reference for Quantity / Serial No cleared by the Chief Controller of Explosives (CCOE) in respect of Auto LPG Tank

iv) Regarding multifunction valve, the Chief controller of Explosives (CCOE) approval to be specifically verified before installation/registration by Regional Transport Officer

v) All the components of the LPG kit shall be as per the technical specification Annexure-I of CAT certificate. The LPG air mixer is of the type & design
vi) Any change in the kit specifications or layout as approved under this certification shall be informed to the International Centre for Automotive Technology, Gurgaon, Haryana for approval with or without re-test.

vii) For in-use retrofitment, the responsibility of fitness and proper functioning of the LPG system on the vehicle, including endorsement as “Operation on LPG” by the concerned Registering Authorities under this certificate lies with M/s Officine Lovato Private Limited, B-101, Belona Building, No 1, 90 Feet Road, Ghatkopar (East), Mumbai-400 075 as per Annexure V of AIS 025. They will also be required to instruct the customers about their responsibilities as mentioned in para 15 of Annexure V of AIS 025 and also about re-checking of the Auto LPG Cylinder, as prescribed by the Chief Controller of Explosives (CCOE) Nagpur.

6. Workshops authorized by the M/s Lovato Gas S.P.A. Italy, C/o M/s Officine Lovato Private Limited, B-101, Belona Building, No 1, 90 Feet Road, Ghatkopar (East), Mumbai-400 075 shall fulfill the requirements and the responsibilities in regard to fitment of LPC Kits as per guidelines given under criteria to authorize the kit installer in Annexure V AIS 025 D1.

7. It is the duty of kit installer to ensure at the time of installation of the kit that each “Auto LPG Cylinder” supplied by them to customer, is the one for which valid clearance of the Chief Controller of Explosives (CCOE) is available.

8. Auto LPG Cylinder and Cylinder valve approved by the Chief Controller of Explosives (CCOE) Nagpur shall have following requirements regarding mounting conditions of Auto LPG Cylinder:

a) Auto LPG Tank shall be permanently attached to the vehicle and shall have fittings as per IS 14889 (as amended from time to time).

b) Auto LPG Tank shall be correctly oriented mounting as per manufactures specifications viz. the longitudinal axis of the Auto LPG Tank is perpendicular to the vehicle longitudinal axis. The axis of the multifunction valve mounted on the empty tank when viewed from the side, makes an angle of multiple degree with the horizontal plane and the level indicator arrow is positioned to zero to ensure that a tank is not filled beyond 80% of its water capacity.

9. The Auto LPG Containers for Auto LPG when permanently fitted to the vehicle subject to following conditions:

i) The containers are fitted with multifunction valve assembly approved by Chief controller of Explosives.
ii) The containers are subject to periodic examination/testing once in a period of 5 years as provided under Gas cylinders Rules 2004

iii) The containers are subject to hydrostatic test at a pressure of 30 bars as required under rule 35 of the Gas cylinders Rules 2004.

iv) The containers shall be condemned after the expiry of the service life of 15 years of the containers, as provided under Rule 36 of Gas cylinders Rules, 2004.


To

1. All the Deputy Transport Commissioner/Joint Transport Commissioner, Coimbatore, Madurai, Chennai (North) & (South) with a request to communicate this to the respective RTOs/MAVs and send acknowledgement to this office.

2. M/s. Office Lovato Private Limited, 101st Floor, Kamla Executive Park MIDC Cross Road, "B" Andheri (East), Mumbai-400 089

3. Eco Fuel System India Private Limited, B-10/4, Bellona Building no 1, 400ft Road Ghatkopar (East), Mumbai-400 075 Maharashtra

4. M/s. S K Gas Point, 4/405, 3rd Cross Street, Rayala Nagar, 1st Main Road, Ramapuram, Chennai -89

Sd/- P. Muruganandam,
Joint Transport Commissioner
(Road Safety) d/c

//By Order//

Personal Assistant to STA