



Media Release

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Willy Dog Ltd. fined \$8000 for unapproved equipment and disturbing scene

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Toronto, ON, August 13, 2014) – Ontario’s public safety regulator, the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA), has successfully prosecuted a mobile food service equipment (MFSE) manufacturer for selling unapproved equipment and disturbing the scene of an incident.

The Ontario Court of Justice in Hamilton levied a fine of \$8,000, plus the mandatory 25% victim surcharge, against Napanee-based Willy Dog Ltd. for violating the *Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000*.

In June 2012, TSSA inspected a mobile food trailer manufactured by Willy Dog Ltd. that had caught fire while in use at a golf and country club in Hamilton, Ontario. The inspection revealed that the trailer was not approved for use in the province and that Willy Dog Ltd. had interfered with the scene of the incident, both violations of Ontario’s Propane Storage and Handling Regulation.

“Unapproved equipment is a safety hazard, which can easily lead to serious injury or death through fire-related incidents or carbon monoxide poisoning,” said John Marshall, Director of TSSA’s Fuels Safety Program. “This should serve as a stern reminder to any manufacturer that breaking the law will lead to prosecution and, on a finding of guilt, severe penalties.”

All MFSE built after February 13, 2006 are required to have a Field Approval by TSSA or be certified and labeled by a Standards Council of Canada-accredited certification organization.

Owners/operators of MFSE without either the TSSA-issued Field Approval or recognized certification label should contact TSSA (toll-free 1-877-682-8772) to initiate the Field Approval application process. Full details are also available on TSSA’s website (<http://www.tssa.org/regulated/fuels/fieldApproval.aspx>).

About TSSA

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) is Ontario’s public safety regulator, mandated by the Government of Ontario to enforce provincial safety regulations and enhance public safety. Throughout Ontario, TSSA regulates the safety of amusement devices, boilers and pressure vessels, elevating devices, fuels, operating engineers, ski lifts, and upholstered and stuffed articles. Its range of safety services include public education and consumer information, certification, licensing and registration, engineering design review, inspections, investigations, safety management consultation, and enforcement and prosecution activities. The organization’s vision is to be a valued advocate and recognized authority in public safety.

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