

Status of Leaded Gasoline Phase-out in sub-Saharan Africa

COUNTRY	Unleaded only	Comments
Angola	●	starting to import unleaded as of December 2004; announced phase out in October 2005
Benin	●	importation of leaded petrol stopped in October 2004 and fully unleaded by December 2004
Botswana	●	supplied from South Africa thus phased out January 2006
Burkina Faso	●	fully unleaded in January 2005
Burundi	●	imports from Kenya and Tanzania both are unleaded; set phase out date of December 2005
Cameroon	●	unleaded as of July 2004
Cape Verde	●	unleaded
Central African Republic	●	imports petrol solely from Cameroon
Chad	●	imports petrol from Cameroon officially and Nigeria
Comoros		no information available
Congo (Brazzaville)	●	unleaded in March 2005
Democratic Republic of Congo	●	Govt issued a decree to phase out leaded gasoline in February 2005
Côte d'Ivoire	●	phased out in January 2005 with refinery producing only unleaded
Djibouti	●	committed to phase out in December 2005
Equatorial Guinea	●	imports petrol from Cameroon and Gabon, switched over when Gabon phased out in October 2005
Eritrea	●	fully unleaded as of January 2004
Ethiopia	●	fully unleaded as of January 2004
Gabon	●	started producing unleaded in October 2005
Ghana	●	fully unleaded as of January 2004
Guinea	●	phased out after all West African refineries are unleaded in October 2005
Guinea-Bissau	●	phase out after all West African refineries are unleaded in October 2005
Kenya	●	phased out 1 December 2005;
Lesotho	●	-depends on supply from South Africa thus phased out by January 2006; made public announcement to switch to unleaded in December 2005
Liberia	●	phased out after all West African refineries are unleaded in October 2005
Madagascar	●	phased out in December 2005
Malawi	●	officially announced phase out as of February 2006; imports Mozambique which phased out in November 2005
Mali	●	phase out announced in October 2005

Mauritania	●	fully unleaded as of January 2004
Mauritius	●	fully unleaded as of 2003
Mozambique	●	phased out in November 2005;
Namibia	●	supplied from South Africa thus phased out by January 2006
Niger	●	government to change standards for lead content in gasoline to 0.15 g/l in December 2003 and 0 g/l by December 2004; phased out already as rely on Benin import storage facilities
Nigeria	●	Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation to reduce lead content from 0.45g/l to 0.15g/l in 2002 to lead-free in 2003
Réunion		no information available
Rwanda	●	phased out in December 2005 as imports through Kenya
Sao Tome and Principe	●	imports solely from Angola
Sénégal	●	decree issued in January 2002 provides that maximum lead content must be reduced from 0.8 g/l to 0.15 g/l in 2003 and completely phased out by July 2005
Seychelles		no information
Sierra Leone	●	phased out after all West African refineries are unleaded in October 2005
Somalia	●	Government announced to phase out by December 2005
South Africa	●	total phase-out of leaded petrol announced for 1 st January 2006
Sudan	●	fully unleaded
Swaziland	●	supplied from South Africa thus phased out by January 2006
Tanzania	●	stopped importing leaded petrol as of 31 October 2004
The Gambia	●	phased out in July 2005
Togo	●	phased out in July 2005
Uganda	●	phased out in December 2005
Zambia	●	completely phased out in March 2007
Zimbabwe	●	Cabinet approved phase-out in September 2004; supplied through South Africa and Mozambique
Total: 49 countries		