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RE: "303" Tractor Fluid Sales

Dear Valued Missouri Customers,

The State of Missouri through the Department of Agriculture has come to the conclusion that testing a Tractor Hydraulic Fluid to the obsolete John Deere 303 specification is no longer possible. Therefore, making a claim that you meet that specification is in violation of consumer protection laws. **Consequently, Martin Lubricants will discontinue sales of Martin-branded "303" tractor fluids into the State of Missouri effective immediately.**

As of now, Martin will continue to sell our Xtreme Pure-Flo Tractor Hydraulic and Transmission Fluid that meets the John Deere J20A specification. This product will come with warning language stating the product is not recommended for use in mobile equipment made after 1990 from other manufacturers. Martin will continue to use language using 1975 as an obsolete date as we have done since 2014.

We understand this may create some hardship for you and your customers. I would encourage you and any of your customers to contact Ron Hayes with the Missouri Department of Agriculture via email at ron.hayes@mda.mo.gov with any questions or concerns about the State's decision.

Best regards,

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