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### NOTIFICATION New CRN Format

ABSA is currently issuing boiler and pressure vessel CRNs using the single alphabet prefix and have reached CRNs that are above Z9600.2. It is estimated that at the end of October, ABSA will issue CRN Z9999.2. The transition to the new boiler and pressure CRN format will be necessary; ABSA is transitioning its processes to be ready for double alphabet letter prefix for boiler and pressure vessel CRNs.

The new CRN format will be the double alphabet letter prefix that was discussed during the 2010 ACI meeting in Halifax. Following this ACI decision, CSA B51 “License Plate” TSC discussed the new CRN format, accepted the approach, and concluded that additional examples may be added to Clause 4.3.5 of CSA B51 in the future.

Current Format	New Format
Y0001.2 to Y9999.2 Z0001.2 to Z9999.2	AA0001.2 to AA9999.2 AB0001.2 to AB9999.2

Manufacturers and owners of pressure equipment in Alberta will need to adjust their databases and software to accept the new CRN format. For registrations across Canada where a design is registered first in Alberta, databases and software will need to be adjusted to accept the new CRN format. As a reminder, ABSA and industry has less than two months to prepare our processes for this transition.

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