



Enforcement Division

Advisory

To: Owners of Tractors and 53-foot or Longer
Box-Type Trailers in California

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**TRACTOR-TRAILER GREENHOUSE GAS REGULATION
IMPLEMENTING AMENDMENTS
CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD ON DECEMBER 17, 2010**
Sections 95300 to 95312, title 17, California Code of Regulations

The purpose of this Advisory is to explain administrative changes in implementing the enforcement requirements of the Tractor-Trailer Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Regulation consistent with the amendments considered by the Board on December 17, 2010.

Regulation Background

On December 12, 2008, the California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) approved for adoption the Tractor-Trailer GHG Regulation to reduce GHG emissions from long-haul tractor-trailer combination vehicles operating in California. The regulation applies to 53-foot or longer dry-van and refrigerated-van trailers (box-type trailers) and the tractors that pull them on California highways. The regulation requires fleets operating in California to utilize tractors and box-type trailers that are either SmartWay certified or retrofitted with SmartWay verified aerodynamic devices and/or low rolling resistance (LRR) tires that meet specified fuel efficiency improvements. The regulation became effective under California law on January 1, 2010 and is being phased in over several years.

On December 17, 2010, the Board adopted amendments to the regulation to address issues from the stakeholders that modify the existing regulation. Under the Administrative Procedures Act, amendments must be approved by the Office of Administrative Law and certified by the Secretary of State before they become effective. This process may take up to one year.

The recommended changes that affect enforcement are as follows:

- Delay the **LLR tire requirements** for 2010 and older model year trailers until January 1, 2017.
- Allow the use of two or more **non-compliant open shoulder drive tires** on 2011 and newer model year tractors until **January 1, 2013**. However, drive tires that are not open shoulder type must meet the LRR tire requirements beginning January 1, 2010, as required by the existing regulation.

Administrative Changes

Given that the amendments will not become effective for several months, steps have and are being taken to provide fleets with notice that enforcement will be consistent with the proposed changes discussed in the Regulation Background, pending approval by the Office of Administrative Law.

For More Information

For further information about the regulation, training, outreach efforts, compliance tools or the full text of the Tractor-Trailer GHG Regulation, please visit our website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/hdghg/hdghg.htm>, or call 866-6DIESEL (866-634-3735), or email us at 8666diesel@arb.ca.gov.

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