

Notice of Exemption

Project Title:	Amendments to the Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Omnibus Regulation
Project Location:	Statewide
Approval Date:	December 28, 2023
Project Description:	Amendments to the Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Omnibus Regulation include modifications to the existing legacy engine provisions that will provide engine manufacturers greater compliance flexibility. Specifically, the proposed amendments will allow engine manufacturers to choose between two legacy engine provision options. Option 1: keeps the existing legacy engine provisions for 2024 and 2025 MYs but extends the production period for legacy engines to 2026 MY. Option 2: is added for manufacturers that make medium heavy-duty diesel (MHDD) engines and products in other HD diesel primary intended service class. For example, this applies to a certifying engine manufacturer that produces both (MHDD) engines and products in other HD diesel primary intended service class. The proposed amendments additionally require that manufacturers electing to use either Option 1 or Option 2 must fully offset the emissions increases resulting from the sales of legacy engines.

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (CARB), as the lead agency, approved the above action on December 28, 2023.

CARB has determined that this regulation is exempt from CEQA under the general rule or "common sense" exemption (14 CCR 15061(b)(3)). CEQA Guidelines states "the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA". Based on CARB's review it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the regulation would result in a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, this activity is exempt from CEQA. A brief explanation of the basis for reaching this conclusion is included in Section VI of the Staff Report.

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The Staff Report and all other related documents are available for public inspection on the CARB webpage at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/rulemaking/2023/hdomnibus2023>.

These documents may also be examined at:

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