FACTS ABOUT
Local-Haul Exemptions

Tractor-Trailer Greenhouse Gas Regulation

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) approved the Tractor-Trailer Greenhouse Gas regulation to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions produced by certain heavy-duty tractor-trailers. The regulation requires the use of United States Environmental Protection Agency SmartWay verified aerodynamic technologies and low rolling resistance (LRR) tires on vehicles operating on California highways. The regulation also provides a partial exemption for certain tractor-trailers that drive relatively short distances, as explained in this document.

Who is affected by the regulation?

This regulation applies to all 53-foot or longer box-type trailers, including dry-van and refrigerated-van trailers operating in California, and the heavy-duty tractors that pull them.

What are the requirements to qualify for the local-haul tractor exemption?

A local-haul tractor is an affected tractor that operates exclusively within a 100-mile radius of where it is garaged or from where it is routinely dispatched (referred to as the “local-haul base” in the regulation). It must be registered with ARB for the exemption.

What does the local-haul tractor exemption offer?

A registered local-haul tractor is exempt from the aerodynamic requirements of this regulation, but not from the low rolling resistance tire requirements. What this means is:

- Newer sleeper cab tractors (2011 model year and newer) used exclusively for local-haul purposes are exempt from being SmartWay certified, but must use SmartWay verified low rolling resistance tires
- Since 2010 and older model year sleeper cabs and all model year day cabs are only subject to the tire requirements of this regulation (i.e., these tractors are not subject to the aerodynamic requirements), there is no need to register them for an exemption, with one exception:
  - A tractor used ONLY for local-haul purposes may register for the exemption so that any trailer it pulls within the local-haul radius will automatically be exempt from the aerodynamic requirements, without having to register that trailer

What are the requirements to qualify for a local-haul trailer exemption?

A local-haul trailer is an affected trailer that only travels within a 100-mile radius of where it is usually kept when not in use. It must be registered with ARB for the exemption.

What does the local-haul trailer exemption offer?

A registered local-haul trailer is exempt from the aerodynamic requirements of this regulation but not from the low rolling resistance tire requirements. If a trailer will sometimes be pulled by a non-exempt tractor, but the trailer itself will not travel outside the 100 mile radius, the trailer should be registered with ARB to receive this exemption.

When would I not want to register my trailer for the local-haul exemption?

If a trailer is not used exclusively within a 100-mile radius but is only going to be pulled by exempt tractors registered with ARB, then the trailer itself does not need to be registered to be exempt from the aerodynamic requirements of this regulation.
What if I want to relocate my registered local-haul trailer to another local-haul base?

An exempt local-haul trailer may be moved to a new local-haul base outside of the 100 mile radius without jeopardizing its local-haul exemption status if the trailer is transported empty of freight. In addition, you may apply to ARB for a relocation pass, which would allow you to move a loaded local-haul trailer outside its designated 100 mile radius, up to four times per year, with each pass not exceeding three days. A local-haul trailer must operate from the new local-haul base for at least 30 days before it can qualify for another relocation pass.

How do I register my local-haul tractor or local-haul trailer for the exemption?

ARB provides an on-line database called TRUCRS (Truck Regulation Upload Compliance and Reporting System) through which you can register for the local-haul exemption as well as the relocation pass. The database is available through ARB’s website at: https://secure.arb.ca.gov/ssltrucrs/trucrs_reporting/reporting.php.

When do I register my tractor or trailer for the local-haul exemption?

If you want to receive a local-haul exemption for your tractor or trailer and avoid being in violation of this regulation, you must register for the exemption with ARB. The following registration time frames should be considered:

- **2011 and newer model year tractors and trailers** that would be affected by this regulation and want to receive a local-haul exemption must be registered for the exemption before operating them on a California highway.
- **2010 and older model year tractors** that want the exemption should be registered:
  - Prior to pulling non-complying trailers affected by the regulation.
  - Whenever they decide to designate the tractor for exclusively local-haul purposes.
- **2010 and older model year trailers** that want the exemption should register either by:
  - January 1, 2013 (if not participating in an optional compliance phase-in) or
  - July 1, 2010 if selecting the optional compliance phase-in (Option 1) for large fleets or
  - July 1, 2011 if selecting the second optional compliance phase-in (Option 2) for large fleets or
  - July 1, 2012 if selecting the optional compliance phase-in for small fleets, or
  - Whenever a trailer changes ownership (including leased trailers) or is brought into California for local-haul purposes, and the new owner/lessee wants to use it exclusively for local-haul.

How long will the local-haul exemption be in effect?

The local-haul exemption will remain in effect as long as the tractor or trailer operates within the 100-mile radius, or until the owner removes it from the local-haul exempt database.

What information must I provide to register my tractor or trailer?

To register for a local-haul exemption, the owner or person leasing the tractor or trailer must provide ARB with owner contact information, fleet information, local-haul base information, and a signed agreement. The specific information that must be provided is available in the regulation.

Where can I find more information about the regulation?

Fact sheets, compliance tools, and regulatory documents are available at www.arb.ca.gov/cc/hdghg/hdghg.htm or by calling ARB’s diesel hotline at (866) 6DIESEL (634-3735). You may also obtain this document in an alternative format by contacting ARB at: (916) 322-4505 (voice); (916) 324-9531 (TDD, Sacramento area only); or (800) 700-8326 (TDD, outside Sacramento). TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.