

Draft ZEV Purchase Exemption Checklist

(for review and comment)

This checklist is intended to assist fleet owners in ensuring that they submit complete applications for the zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) Purchase exemption in CARB's Advanced Clean Fleets regulation. This checklist complements the *Zero-Emission Vehicle Purchase Exemption* frequently asked questions document.

If your fleet can comply with the next applicable compliance date specified in the Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) regulation without an exemption, there is no reason to apply for an exemption. If you need assistance in understanding the flexibility in the regulation, please contact us at ZEVFleet@arb.ca.gov.

If your fleet cannot comply with the flexibility provisions provided in the *Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) regulation*, you may request an exemption if you meet the applicable exemption criteria. The ZEV Purchase Exemption allows you to purchase a new internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicle to replace an existing ICE vehicle in your fleet that you are seeking to replace, if the needed vehicle configuration is not available to purchase in either a ZEV or near-zero emission vehicle (NZEZ) configuration.

Application Basics

To apply for a ZEV purchase exemption, your California fleet must comply with all applicable requirements in the ACF regulation, including the reporting requirements. One means of demonstrating compliance is to indicate the TRUCRS ID for your fleet in your application for the ZEV Purchase Exemption. The following are other key requirements that depend on the compliance method you are using:

- Model Year Schedule (Federal and High Priority Fleets)
 - The application for the exemption is submitted no later than one year prior to the compliance date for the vehicle
 - The application for the exemption is submitted no earlier than when the vehicle that is otherwise required to be replaced reaches 16 years old, or when the vehicle reaches 700,000 miles, whichever occurs first
- ZEV Purchase Schedule (State and Local Government)
 - The application for the exemption is requested no earlier than when the model year of the ICE vehicle being replaced reaches 13 years old
- ZEV Milestones Option (Government and High Priority Fleets)
 - The application for the exemption is requested no later than one year before the next applicable ZEV Milestone compliance date, and

- The application for the exemption demonstrates the next applicable upcoming ZEV Fleet Milestone cannot be reached without requesting and obtaining exemptions for all other ICE vehicles in the California fleet

Vehicle Information Checklist

You may elect to use the following checklist to ensure you have included all of the required information about your existing vehicles. You can compile this information in a number of formats, but an Excel table attached to the email is recommended if your application includes multiple vehicles.

- Vehicle make and model [e.g., Ford F350, Isuzu NPRHD, Freightliner M2, etc.]
- Vehicle weight class [i.e., 2b, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8]
- Configuration [e.g., bucket truck, box truck, concrete pump truck, etc.]
- Does the vehicle have a crew cab? [Yes, No]
- Does the vehicle have a cab-over? [Yes, No]
- Does the vehicle have all-wheel drive? [Yes, No]
- Make and model of the body, if applicable [e.g., Altec A-50, Knapheide CB117D54H46, Stahl MDST158, etc.]
- List any frame attachments other than the body itself necessary to support or perform the primary intended function of the vehicle, if applicable [e.g., stabilizing outriggers, rail track wheels, etc.]
- Include clear and legible photographs of the entire left and right sides of the vehicle with doors closed showing the vehicle body configuration

Submit Your Application

When you have verified that you need an exemption and your application is complete, you can submit your application to TRUCRS@arb.ca.gov with the subject line "ZEV Purchase Exemption". CARB will review the application and respond via email whether the application is approved within 45 calendar days.

When evaluating your application, CARB will reach out to dealers or manufacturers to identify any ZEVs or NZEVs in the same or higher weight class than the existing ICE vehicle(s) in your application. If CARB identifies a manufacturer, dealer, or upfitter that offers a ZEV or NZEV in the needed configuration in the same or next higher weight class, within the parameters described in the regulation, CARB will deny the exemption request and will provide the contact information of that manufacturer or dealer to the fleet owner.

This document is provided to assist regulated entities in complying with the Advanced Clean Fleets regulation. In the event any discrepancy exists between this document and the Advanced Clean Fleets regulation, the regulatory text of the Advanced Clean Fleets regulation applies.