



Recent Amendments to the Small Containers of Automotive Refrigerant Regulation

August 1, 2024

Background

- The original regulation was adopted in 2009 and amended in 2017
 - ✓ The Regulation reduces emissions through a mandatory self-sealing valve and a deposit and recycling program
- October 26, 2023, CARB adopted the Proposed Amendments
- The Office of Administrative Law approved the rulemaking on May 17, 2024, with the effective date of July 1, 2024

Key Changes

- The return and deposit program will end on January 1, 2025
- Reclaimed refrigerant requirement for Manufacturers will be effective starting January 1, 2025
- New requirements for the use of unclaimed deposits by January 1, 2030



Manufacturers

- Reclaimed Refrigerant Requirement for Manufacturers

Reclaimed Refrigerant Requirement	Starting Date
25%	January 1, 2025
50%	January 1, 2026
100%	January 1, 2027

- New record requirements starting January 1, 2025
 - ✓ Records of any reclaimed refrigerant specifications
 - ✓ Documentation to show compliance with either maximum allowable virgin refrigerant (0%) or reclaimed refrigerant requirement



Manufacturers and Recyclers

- Reporting
 - ✓ Annual report for the calendar year 2024 (Due March 1, 2025) will be the same
 - ✓ New annual report template for calendar year 2025
 - Container return section will be removed (Manufacturer and Recycler)
 - Certified reclaimed refrigerant section added
 - Attestation of reclaimed refrigerant
- Certification Procedures
 - ✓ Deposit/Return labeling language is no longer required
 - ✓ Labeling changes for existing containers (Case by case basis)



Retailers

- No longer collect \$10 deposit starting January 1, 2025
 - ✓ Last day to collect the \$10 deposit will be December 31, 2024
- 90-day return policy still in effect on December 31, 2024
 - ✓ Last day to return consumer deposit will be March 31, 2025
 - ✓ Retailer discretion to return consumer deposit after March 31, 2025
- Reporting
 - ✓ Annual Report for the calendar year 2024 (Due March 1, 2025) will be the same
 - ✓ New Annual Report template for calendar year 2025
 - Container return section will be removed
 - Unclaimed consumer deposits section will be removed



Distributors

- No longer need to pay deposit to manufacturers starting January 1, 2025
- Reporting
 - ✓ Annual Report for the calendar year 2024 (Due March 1, 2025) will be the same
 - ✓ New Annual Report template for calendar year 2025
 - Container return section will be removed



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