

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER D-548

Relating to Exemptions under
Section 27156 of the Vehicle Code

Econet International Corporation
ECOMAX

WHEREAS, Vehicle Code Section 27156 and Title 13, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 2222(e) authorize the California Air Resources Board (ARB) and its Executive Officer to exempt add-on and modified parts from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156;

WHEREAS, Econet International Corporation of 11607 Nebel Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852 has applied to the ARB for exemption from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156 for the ECOMAX for use on 2003 and older model-year gasoline and diesel vehicles;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in the Executive Officer by the Health and Safety Code Section 39515 and in the Chief of the Mobile Source Operations Division by the Health and Safety Code Section 39516 and Executive Order G-02-003, the ARB finds that;

1. The ECOMAX is an add-on device that is attached to the fuel line in a motor vehicle.
2. The fuel line is part of the required motor vehicle pollution control system.
3. The ECOMAX is intended for use with a required motor vehicle pollution control system.
4. The ECOMAX by being installed in the fuel line alters the original design of a motor vehicle pollution control system.
5. The ECOMAX is a device subject to the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156 and an add-on part as defined by 13 CCR Section 1900(b)(1).
6. The ECOMAX does not reduce the effectiveness of any required motor vehicle pollution control system.
7. The ARB, in the exercise of technical judgement, is aware of no basis on which the ECOMAX will provide either a decrease in emissions or an increase in fuel economy.

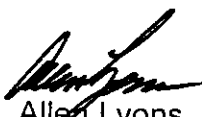
8. It has not been determined what effect the use of the ECOMAX may have on any warranty, either expressed or implied, by the manufacturer of a motor vehicle on which the device is installed.
9. The ECOMAX is not a certified motor vehicle pollution control device pursuant to the Health and Safety Code Section 43644.
10. The ARB by granting an exemption to Econet International Corporation for the ECOMAX does not recommend or endorse in any way the ECOMAX for emission reduction, fuel economy, or any other purpose.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the ECOMAX is exempt from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156 for installation on 2003 and older model-year gasoline and diesel vehicles:

1. This exemption shall not apply to any device, apparatus, or mechanism advertised, offered for sale, sold with, or installed on a motor vehicle prior to or concurrent with transfer to an ultimate purchaser.
2. No changes are permitted to the device as described in the application for exemption. Any changes to the device, applicable model-year, or other factors addressed in this Executive Order must be evaluated and approved by the ARB prior to marketing in California.
3. Marketing of this device using an identification other than that shown in this Executive Order or marketing of this device for an application other than those listed in the Executive Order shall be prohibited unless prior approval is obtained from the ARB.
4. Exemption of the device shall not be construed as an exemption to sell, offer for sale, or advertise any components of the device as individual devices.
5. Any oral or written references to this Executive Order or its content by Econet International Corporation, its principals, agents, employees, distributors, dealers, or other representatives must include the disclaimer that the Executive Order or the exemption it provides is not an endorsement or approval of any emission reduction or fuel economy claims for the ECOMAX and is only a finding that the device is exempt from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156.
6. No claim of any kind, such as "Approved by the Air Resources Board," may be made with respect to the action taken herein in any advertising or other oral or written communication.

Violation of any of the above conditions shall be grounds for revocation of this Executive Order. The Executive Order may be revoked only after a ten-day written notice of intention to revoke the Executive Order, in which period the holder of the Executive Order may request in writing a hearing to contest the proposed revocation. If a hearing is requested, it shall be held within ten days of receipt of the request, and the Executive Order may not be revoked until a determination is made after a hearing that grounds for revocation exist.

Executed at El Monte, California, this 16TH day of October 2002.



Allen Lyons, Chief
Mobile Source Operations Division