

REQUEST FOR EARLY EFFECTIVE DATE

REGULATION TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES

Pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4, the Air Resources Board (ARB) requests that sections 95300 to 95311, title 17, California Code of Regulation, become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State. Good cause for this request exists.

This regulation will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from heavy-duty trucks by improving fuel efficiency through aerodynamic improvements and low-rolling resistance tires. Several provisions of section 95303 take effect beginning January 1, 2010, requiring certain new heavy-duty tractors and trailers to be equipped with aerodynamic improvements and low-rolling resistance tires when used to transport freight on California highways. In addition, section 95307 requires trailer owners to submit a compliance plan by July 1, 2010 if they choose to participate in one of the optional compliance schedules.

Because of the impending tractor and trailer requirements, ARB requests an early effective date to allow heavy-duty vehicle owners certainty when purchasing a new heavy-duty tractor or trailer. The early effective date provides clarity to heavy-duty vehicle owners, assisting them to choose fuel efficient tractors and trailers. It also ensures that trailer owners that choose to participate in the optional compliance schedule will completely and accurately meet the reporting requirements.

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