

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 tractor-trailers operating on California highways. The regulation also provides partial exemptions for certain tractors and/or 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. Recent amendments to the regulation now exempt 2014 model year and newer heavy-duty tractors from the requirements of this regulation, since they must meet requirements of the federal Heavy-Duty Greenhouse Gas regulations. For more information please visit <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/climate/regs-heavy-duty.htm>. However, these newer model year tractors may still be registered for the local haul exemption, as explained below.

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 and any trailer being pulled by this tractor are both exempt from the aerodynamic requirements of this regulation, but not from the low rolling resistance tire requirements. What this means is:

- A 2011 through 2013 model year sleeper cab tractor used exclusively for local-haul purposes, and registered as such with ARB, is not subject to any aerodynamic requirements or required to be SmartWay certified, but must use SmartWay verified low rolling resistance tires.
- 2010 and older model year sleeper cabs and 2013 and older model year day cabs are not subject to any aerodynamic requirements or required to be SmartWay certified (they are only required to use SmartWay verified low rolling resistance tires). However, these tractors may be registered so that any trailer being pulled within the local-haul radius will automatically be exempt from the aerodynamic requirements, without having to register individual trailers.
- A 2014 or newer model year sleeper cab and day cab tractor used exclusively for local-haul purposes, although not subject to the requirements of this regulation, may choose to register for the exemption so that trailers they pull will automatically be exempt from the aerodynamic requirements, without having to register those trailers.

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 requirement. 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 local-haul tractors registered with ARB, then the trailer itself does not need to be registered to be exempt from the aerodynamic requirements of this regulation because it is automatically covered under the local-haul tractor exemption.

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 five days. A local-haul trailer may not receive another relocation pass until 30 days after receiving the last relocation pass.

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

ARB provides an on-line database called the Truck Regulation Upload Compliance and Reporting System (TRUCRS) 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://ssl.arb.ca.gov/ssltrucrs/trucrs_reporting/reporting.php.

To register, 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 required is available in the regulation.

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 within the following time frames:

- Any new **tractors** and **trailers** affected by this regulation for which you want a local-haul exemption must be registered for the exemption before operating them on a California highway

- 2010 and older model year **tractors** seeking the exemption should be registered:
 - Prior to pulling affected trailers that do not meet the aerodynamic requirements of the regulation
 - Whenever you decide to designate the tractor for exclusively local-haul purposes
- 2010 and older model year **trailers** seeking the exemption should be registered either:
 - Whenever you decide to designate the trailer for exclusively local-haul purposes; 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.

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) 323-9075 (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.