The Air Resources Board is responsible for the gasoline cargo tank vapor recovery certification program. As of January 1, 1996, the Air Resources Board Compliance Division began administering the annual cargo tank vapor recovery certification program rather than the California Highway Patrol.

The Health and Safety Code Section 41962(g) provides that no person shall operate, or allow the operation of, a cargo tank vehicle transporting gasoline and required to have a vapor recovery system, unless the system has been certified by the state board and is installed and maintained in compliance with the State Board's requirements for certification.

The owner/operator of a cargo tank subject to annual vapor recovery certification may apply up to sixty days prior to their existing certification expiration date for testing and certification. The owner/operator completes a Cargo Tank Vapor Recovery Certification Application and submits it to the Air Resources Board. Upon review of the application, the Air Resources Board returns a verified copy of the application and decal to the applicant.

The verified copy or copy thereof of the application shall be retained with the cargo tank and the decal is placed on the right side of the cargo tank. The cargo tank’s vapor recovery certification expires when the decal expires. It expires on the last day of the month as shown on the verified copy and the holes punched on the decal. The example to the left indicates that the certification is good until the last day of June 1997.

This information is submitted to you in order to help with enforcement of the cargo vapor recovery certification requirements.

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