

Mail-Out ECARS #18-02

DATE: April 16, 2018

TO: Aftermarket Parts Manufacturers
Independent Laboratories
And All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE MODIFICATION OF THE
AFTERMARKET PARTS EXEMPTION PROCEDURES.

California Anti Tampering Laws (Vehicle Code (VC) 27156 and VC 38391) prohibit the sale, operation, and modification of engines or vehicles from their originally certified configuration. The aftermarket parts program evaluation procedures, "Procedures for Exemption of Add-on and Modified Parts" (Procedures), provide the process and criteria for manufacturers of add-on and modified parts to obtain exemptions to legally sell parts in California. Add-on and modified parts are defined in Code of California Regulations, title 13, section 1900 (b) (1 and 10) and section 2222. The Procedures are intended to be robust enough to demonstrate that the aftermarket parts will not adversely impact any regulated emissions, the original emissions control system, and the On-Board Diagnostics system of the certified engine or vehicle, while providing industry with a less complicated test protocol than the original engine and vehicle manufacturer.

The Procedures were last updated in June of 1990. Since that time, engines, vehicles, and emission control technologies and strategies have changed and become more complex. The Procedures have provided industry and CARB with the tools needed to continue the evaluation of aftermarket parts as the standards and test procedures have changed. However, staff wish to revisit the process and test protocols to reflect current procedures and technologies while providing the tools needed to evaluate the engines and vehicles of the future. The purpose of the workshop is to solicit ideas from industry to improve the current Procedures to address these issues.

A workshop to solicit ideas for modifying the aftermarket parts Procedures will be held:

DATE: Tuesday, May 8, 2018
TIME: 10:00 a.m. (PDT)
PLACE: California Air Resources Board
9530 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California 91731

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Please note that the workshop will also be available via audio conference line and webinar. Prior to the workshop, the call-in details and webinar link will be available on CARB's website at: <https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aftermkt/aftermkt.htm#background>

If you need special accommodations or have language needs, please contact Ms. Bonnie Garlow at 626-575-6918, as soon as possible. TTY/TDD Speech-to-Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

If you cannot attend the workshop and have questions or comments regarding the content that will be discussed, please contact Richard Muradliyan at (626) 575-6798 or by email at richard.muradliyan@arb.ca.gov. If you have difficulties accessing the conference call on the day of the workshop, please call Ms. Bonnie Garlow at 626-575-6918.

We welcome and encourage comments regarding the modification of the aftermarket parts Procedures. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Richard Muradliyan, Air Resources Engineer, at (626) 575-6798 or by email at richard.muradliyan@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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