

DRAYAGE TRUCK REGULATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DTR STICKERS

1. How do I request a sticker?

Stickers can be requested by checking the sticker box on the certification page of the registration process when adding a new truck to your company profile.

2. How long does it take for a sticker to arrive?

Stickers are processed on a first come - first serve basis. The general timeline for processing is between 1 and 2 weeks.

3. Is there a cost/fee associated with the registration and/or stickers?

There is no cost associated with registering and/or requesting a sticker.

4. My sticker was stolen/lost/damaged/never received. How do I get a replacement?

You must request a replacement sticker in writing by sending an email to drayagetruck@arb.ca.gov. Please provide the truck's VIN and/or license plate and a valid reason. We will make a note on the truck and issue a replacement sticker which should arrive within 1-2 weeks.

5. Are stickers required and/or mandatory?

ARB does not require trucks to apply for or display stickers. However, some ports or intermodal rail facilities may. Check with your particular facility to determine whether stickers are mandatory.

REGISTRATIONS

6. Do I need to register if I only come to California once or twice a year?

Yes, even if a truck comes to a California port or intermodal rail facility only once per year, it is still classified as drayage and must be registered and compliant with the Drayage Truck Regulation.

REGISTRATIONS CONTINUED:

7. How can I register my truck?

The fastest way to register your truck is to visit the [Drayage Truck website](#) and click on the truck registration button. You can also fax your application to 916-445-5023, but keep in mind that it may take 1-2 business days to register the truck in the system by fax.

8. I'm registering for an account and I get a message that says the "Tax ID is not unique." What does this mean?

This message means that a previous account was setup using the same TAX ID. If you do not remember the login user ID and password, call us at 1-888-247-4821.

9. I recently bought a truck and I'm trying to register it in the system. However, I get a message that says "License Plate is not unique/VIN already registered." What does this mean?

Typically, this message occurs when a company/individual tries to register a truck that is already registered under a different account. You would need to call us at 1-888-247-4821 or send an email with proof of registration and the owner operator number (OON) to drayagetruck@arb.ca.gov and we will transfer the truck into your account.

10. I already have an account for my reefers/TRUs. Do I need to register for a different drayage account?

No, you use the same userID and password to register both TRU's and drayage trucks. Make sure that you give yourself access to the drayage program by editing your company's profile and checking the drayage truck registration box.

11. What is an EIN? Is that the same as a tax ID number?

Yes, an EIN is an employer identification number or federal tax id number. If you do not have one, please call the hotline at 1-888-247-4821 for an alternative number to register your company.

12. How can I determine the model year of my engine? Is it the same year as the truck?

Most of the time, trucks are assembled with engines from the previous year. The most accurate way of determining the engine year is by checking the emission control label (ECL) on the engine. ECLs are required by law. For more information, visit the [Engine Model Year webpage](#) for examples.

13. Do I have to renew my registration every year? How long is the registration valid for?

Registrations do not need to be renewed. They expire when the compliance thru date of the truck expires.

14. My license plate and VIN are registered correctly in the state's system but I still can't get into the Los Angeles and/or Long Beach port. What is the problem?

Make sure that the VIN and license plate you registered with the state match the information entered in the port's system. If there are any discrepancies between the two systems you may encounter problems at the gate.

EXEMPTIONS

15. Are there truck exemptions from the requirements of the Drayage Truck Regulation?

Yes, Please visit the DTR website for more information, the exemption application, and to see if your truck qualifies. [Exemption Guidelines](#).

16. What kinds of trucks can get an exemption as a dedicated use truck?

Exempt trucks are uni-body vehicles that do not have separate tractor and trailer. Examples of such trucks include: fuel delivery vehicles, concrete mixers, logging trucks that haul only logs, vehicles using a power take off (PTO) with a hydraulic motor or blower, and on-road mobile cranes.

17. Are Class 7 trucks still exempt?

No. Class 7 trucks operating in the South Coast Air Basin are required to have an ARB verified Level 3 Diesel Particulate Filter installed by 01/01/2012. Class 7 trucks operating outside the South Coast Air Basin are required to meet 2007 model year engine emissions by January 1st, 2014. These trucks also have to register in the DTR prior to port or rail entry.

18. What is the requirement to get an exemption as a Class 6 truck?

In order to qualify for an exemption, a truck must have a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 26,000 pounds or less.

OTHER

19. What is a radio frequency identification device (RFID)? Where do I get one?

A RFID is administered and used by some ports to control gate traffic. You do not need a RFID unit to register in the state's DTR, but you may need one to enter the port. To purchase a RFID or find out additional information, contact your local port.

20. How can I get a grant/funding for my truck?

Information and potential funding opportunities can be found at [The Truck Stop](#)

21. Can I re-certify my truck to lower the GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating)?

No. According to Vehicle Code Section 350:

- "Gross Vehicle Weight Rating" (GVWR) means the weight specified by the manufacturer as a loaded weight of the single vehicle.

The GVWR on the certification label may only be assigned by the manufacturer and it is the only valid GVWR for complying with the Drayage Truck Regulation's requirements.

22. What is a Dray-off?

Dray-off is when a compliant drayage truck exchanges cargo with a non-compliant drayage truck anywhere in the State of California. All trucks operating off of port or intermodal rail yard facilities while transporting cargos or empty intermodal equipment destined to or from California ports and intermodal rail yard facilities are now drayage trucks and must comply with the Drayage Truck Regulation. Cargo is any container (either empty or full), trailer with bulk cargo, or chassis that came from or is going to a port or railyard.