

Drayage Truck Regulation

# Truck Exemption Guidelines

This packet contains examples and explanations of exempt and non-exempt trucks as they apply to the Air Resources Board's drayage truck regulation. These are representative trucks and do not constitute all known examples. Please contact John Gruszecki at 916-327-5601 or via email at [jgruszec@arb.ca.gov](mailto:jgruszec@arb.ca.gov) with questions regarding a particular truck's status.

General descriptions of drayage trucks and exempted trucks are provided below. For greater detail or context, please review the entire regulation available through ARB's website <http://www.arb.ca.gov/drayagetruck>.

- *“Drayage Truck” means any in-use on-road vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of greater than 33,000 pounds operating on or transgressing through port or intermodal rail yard property for the purpose of loading, unloading or transporting cargo, such as containerized, bulk or break-bulk goods.*
  
- *The drayage truck regulation does not apply to trucks that are:*
  - *Class 7 or smaller (GVWR less than 33,001 lbs.)*
  - *100% non-diesel fueled (e.g. spark ignited LNG/CNG engines)*
  - *Dedicated use\**
  - *Emergency vehicles*
  - *Military tactical support vehicles*
  - *Off-road (e.g. yard trucks, mobile cranes)*

*Trucks that do not meet the definition of a “Drayage Truck” (see first bullet) are not subject to the requirements of a regulation.*

*\* Dedicated use vehicles are uni-body vehicles that do not have separate tractor and trailers and include but are not limited to dedicated auto transports, dedicated fuel delivery vehicles, concrete mixers, and on-road mobile cranes.*

## Examples of Non-Exempt Trucks

As a general rule, if a tractor can detach from the trailer, is diesel-fueled, on-road, and class 8, the truck is not exempt. The following examples are trucks that have been determined to be non-exempt and are subject to the requirements of the regulation.

**Category:** Tractor (Bob-Tail)  
**Status:** Non-Exempt



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**Category:** Dedicated Use Trucks (Fuel Delivery / Tanker Truck)  
**Status:** Non-Exempt (Since Tanker Chassis is Detachable)



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**Category:**  
**Status:**

**Dedicated Use Truck (Non-Port Container Transport)  
Non-Exempt (Since Container Chassis is Detachable)**



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**Category:**  
**Status:**

**Four-Axle Tractor with Tri-Axle  
Port / Intermodal Container Trailer Chassis  
Non-Exempt**



Photo Courtesy of Port of Los Angeles

**Category:** Tractor with Flatbed Trailer Chassis (Detachable)  
**Status:** Non-Exempt



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**Category:** Tractor with Bulk Trailers (Detachable)  
**Status:** Non-Exempt



## Examples of Exempt Trucks

The following examples are trucks that have been determined to be exempt and are not subject to the requirements of the regulation.

**Category:** Class 7 or smaller  
**Status:** Exempt



**Category:** Non-Diesel Fueled (LNG)  
**Status:** Exempt



**Category:**  
**Status:**

**Tanker / Truck of Unibody Construction**  
**Exempt – Dedicated use**



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**Category:**  
**Status:**

**Trucks of Unibody Construction (Cement Mixer)**  
**Exempt - Dedicated use**



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**Category:** Trucks of Unibody Construction (Garbage Truck)  
**Status:** Exempt - Dedicated use



Photo Courtesy of Oshkosh Truck McNeilus Division

**Category:** Trucks of Unibody Construction (Car Carrier)  
**Status:** Exempt - Dedicated use



Photo Courtesy of Truckpaper.com.

**Category:**  
**Status:**

**Trucks of Unibody Construction (Dump Truck)**  
**Exempt - Dedicated use**



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**Category:**  
**Status:**

**Trucks of Unibody Construction (On-Road Mobile Crane)**  
**Exempt - Dedicated use**



Photo Courtesy of Link-Belt Construction Equipment Company

**Category:** Authorized Emergency Vehicles (Fire Truck)  
**Status:** Exempt



Photo Courtesy of Federal Signal Corporation / Emergency-One Division

**Category:** Authorized Emergency Vehicles (Fire Truck)  
**Status:** Exempt



Photo Courtesy of Oshkosh Corporation / Pierce Truck Division

**Category:**  
**Status:**

**End Dump Truck (Trucks of Unibody Construction)**  
**Exempt**



Photo Courtesy of B.Szabo Inc., Playa Vista, California

**Category:**  
**Status:**

**Military Tactical Support Vehicle**  
**Exempt**



Photograph Courtesy of Oshkosh Corporation - Heavy Duty Military Tactical Support Vehicle

**Category:**  
**Status:**

**Military Tactical Support Vehicle**  
**Exempt**



Photograph Courtesy of Oshkosh Corporation - Heavy Equipment Transporter

**Category:**  
**Status:**

**Off-Road**  
**Exempt – (Yard Truck)**



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**Category:**  
**Status:**

**Pneumatic Tankers**  
**Exempt**



**Category:**  
**Status:**

**Logging Trucks**  
**Exempt**

