FACTS ABOUT
Storage Trailer 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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency SmartWay verified aerodynamic technologies and low rolling resistance (LRR) tires on vehicles operating on California highways. The regulation also provides an exemption for certain trailers that are used exclusively for storage, rather than for transporting goods, 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.

What are the requirements to qualify for the storage trailer exemption?

A storage trailer is an affected trailer that is used exclusively for storage of items at a fixed location. It must be registered with ARB for the exemption.

What does the storage trailer exemption offer?

If registered with ARB a storage trailer is exempt from all the aerodynamic and tire requirements of this regulation.

How do I register my storage trailer for the exemption?

ARB provides an on-line database called TRUCRS (Truck Regulation Upload Compliance and Reporting System) through which you can register for the storage trailer exemption. The database is available through ARB’s website at: https://ssl.arb.ca.gov/ssltrucrs/trucrs_reporting/reporting.php#content.

When do I register my trailer for the storage trailer exemption?

If you want to receive a storage trailer exemption and avoid being in violation of this regulation, you must register for the exemption with ARB. All trailers that would be affected by this regulation but are to be used exclusively as storage trailers must be registered for the exemption before operating them on a California highway.
What if I want to relocate my registered storage trailer to another storage location or remove it from California?

An exempt storage trailer may be moved at any time to a new storage location or be relocated out of state without jeopardizing its storage trailer 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 storage trailer to another storage location, up to four times per year, with each pass not exceeding five days. A storage trailer owner may not apply for another relocation pass until 30 days after receiving the last relocation pass.

What information must I provide to register my trailer?

To register for a storage trailer exemption, the owner or person leasing the trailer must provide ARB with owner contact information, fleet information, and a signed statement indicating that the trailer will be used exclusively for storage purposes at a fixed location, unless it has been given a relocation pass. The specific information that must be provided is available in the regulation.

How long will the storage trailer exemption be in effect?

Once registered, the storage trailer exemption remains in effect as long as the trailer and its owner comply with the storage trailer requirements, or until the owner removes it from the storage trailer 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 www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/truckstop/truckstop.htm or by calling ARB’s diesel hotline at (866) 6DIESEL (634-3735).

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