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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC TRANSIT AGENCIES WITH DIESEL OR ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

This is to advise public transit agencies that diesel or alternative fueled Transit Fleet Vehicles (TFV) 14,000 pounds (lbs) gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) or less may not be subject to the Fleet Rules for Transit Agencies. A TFV is defined as an on-road vehicle greater than 8,500 pounds GVWR powered by a heavy-duty engine (HDE) fueled by diesel or alternative fuel, owned or operated by a transit agency, and which is not an urban bus. TFV's with GVWR 14,000 lbs or less with engines not certified to the heavy-duty service class are not subject to the Fleet Rule for Transit Agencies.

In California, since 1995, some vehicles 14,000 lbs GVWR or less are certified to the medium-duty (MD) service class. TFV's only powered by a HDE are subject to the Fleet Rule for Transit Agencies. To identify if your vehicle has a service class engine, look for chassis labeling that states "medium duty vehicle" as shown below.



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Transit agencies should evaluate all 1995 and newer vehicles 14,000 lbs GVWR or less for MD service class certification.

If you have any questions about this advisory, please contact Mr. Eric Bissinger, Air Pollution Specialist, at [ebissing@arb.ca.gov](mailto:ebissing@arb.ca.gov). If you have any additional questions, please contact Ms. Kathleen Mead, Manager, at [kmead@arb.ca.gov](mailto:kmead@arb.ca.gov).

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