

# ORIAG Meeting: Draft DOORS Subcommittee Minutes

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### Designating Sold Vehicles:

Note: ARB is still considering the best method of showing vehicles as sold and allowing buyers to add vehicles simply by entering the EIN into DOORS. Additional feedback, and specific ideas, are still very helpful on this issue.

Members asked If someone transfers a vehicles in DOORS, does that satisfy the requirements for 2449\*(h)(8) to pass along records to the buyer.

**ARB:** Yes unless the owner has records that are not shown in DOORS, such as engines rebuilt to higher emissions standards or similar cases where the regulation requires records to be kept but not submitted to ARB.

Members brought up the point that for vehicles being transferred after EINs have been assigned – the 30 day period will run into violations because the seller may not release the vehicle. Fleet expressed concerns that they would be forced into a violation if they had to wait on the buyer and that the new owner should be able to report it as soon as they take possession.

The subcommittee did express support for the idea of transferring vehicles by EINs rather than scrapping it entirely and forcing the information to be re-entered.

Rental fleets expressed concern about showing the thousands of sold vehicles that accumulate over the years.

**ARB:** We understand this issue, it does sound like “hiding” the vehicles sold is important.

Members also suggested that “Sold” in DOORS also be moved to “Retire or Remove” so that inspectors will not ask for proof of disclosure.

### **General Suggestions / Questions to Improve the DOORS User Interface:**

(All bullets reflect questions or comments expressed by members except where noted as “ARB”.)

- Could the dropdowns be improved to jump to the name faster as you type it?
  - **ARB:** It currently will do this, however it does not work on all versions of Microsoft Excel. We would appreciate any additional ideas on how to improve the dropdowns however. Also, you can cut and paste into a dropdown field. Simply use the dropdown, copy the entry, and then either paste or select and drag it down all the appropriate fields below.
- How can the dropdown lists be continually updated? For instance, snow cat / snow removal as a vehicle type.
  - **ARB:** Vehicle types cannot be updated without consulting ARB inventory division, however you can submit manufacturer names to us and we can update them every couple of weeks.
- Is non-diesel the same as LSI, electric, etc?
  - **ARB:** Yes
- What is “demo” referring to?
  - **ARB:** Used in a VDECS demonstration program other than SEP or the Showcase program.

- Is there a way to change the sorting to view the vehicle more easily? On the excel spreadsheet, not in the online view.
  - **ARB:** You can with experience in Excel, however it would be easy to mess up the spreadsheet. You can contact Cory to help with this as well ([pparmer@arb.ca.gov](mailto:pparmer@arb.ca.gov)). We may mention this in a user guide, although we are cautious about having people changing the spreadsheets as this can easily lead to upload problems.
- What information do I need to provide to ARB when I sell a vehicle? Do I need to say where the vehicle was sold or who it was sold to, as with DMV reporting?
  - **ARB:** No, just the date. But keep records of the sale, as required in the regulation.
- Could a check box be used, or a color change for yes/no fields? Otherwise it can be difficult to use.
  - **ARB:** We will consider this option.
- The features on selling or repowering don't give information on whether I'm meeting fleet averages or hitting BACT provisions.
  - **ARB:** They will in the future.
- Have other fleet owners had trouble getting information for vehicles that have been removed or replaced? (Subcommittee answer: We have not had that issue yet, but it certainly could become a problem.)
  - **ARB:** You do not need all the information required to report to input the vehicles, but you will need to retain the bill of sale for proof of the vehicle.

#### **Additional Comments and Questions:**

- What about designating a vehicle low use? Or vehicles not included in your fleet average, where should they be shown, and where should date be shown that it was designated low use?
  - **ARB:** There will be another screen that has a place to input and view that information.
- What should the hour meter be tied into to make sure that it captures the correct data? If it's the ignition then the operator could sit with the engine not running and have the hour meter running, so it should be tied to the alternator or the oil pressure to capture the correct hours of use. Will guidance be provided on that issue?
  - **ARB:** Yes we will look into this.
- Will there be a finalized date where nothing would have to be changed or added the reporting information? This is important if you want people to report early.

- **ARB:** There may not be a finalized date, however we will look into releasing a statement about what has been finalized and what may require users to log in to DOORS at a later date to provide information.
- How about quick links on the public side of the page to help “clueless” users who don’t know what they are doing and easily get lost.
  - **ARB:** There are links on the DOORS login page, we will look into making them more prominent.
- If you could train 20 guys throughout the state, they could go to community colleges and train people on this and knock out tons of reporting.
  - **ARB:** That’s an interesting idea, but our staff is very limited, we will look into featuring DOORS more in our next training seminars.
- The compliance planning tools will understand the exemptions in the regulation where you don’t have to replace or retrofit based on vehicle age or recent retrofit?
  - **ARB:** Yes

#### **Cost Discussion:**

- What costs will be included in the DOORS compliance planning costs?
  - **ARB:** Since costs will be entered by fleets, whatever you want to include, simply add it to the cost you place in DOORS (for maintenance, fuel savings, training costs, etc.).
- We found it very helpful to have a hard dollar cost for retrofits, not dollar/hp for retrofits. Going by horsepower cannot tell you repower costs, it’s not just engine, horsepower, and frame. “I’ve had similar hp vehicles get different quotes based on application, frame, etc.” We find it easiest to do by imbedding it in the vehicle costs, anything additional like maintenance or infrastructure. Put the costs into the cost of the vehicle to compare scenarios. Fuel savings, added electric outlets, etc.
  - **ARB:** We could incorporate that into a user guide to help fleets choose to put their total costs into the compliance planning tools.
- On a similar not, please do not just place a field for \$/horsepower repower costs. They are different for different vehicles with the same engine.
  - **ARB:** We agree that DOORS users should be allowed to customize their costs as they see fit and we will look into allowing this.