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## HISTORY

1. New section filed 9-15-2005; operative 1-1-2006 (Register 2005, No. 37).
2. New subsections (a)(1)(A)1.- (a)(1)(A)1.d., amendment of subsection (a)(1)(B)1.a., new subsections (a)(1)(B)1.b.iv. and (a)(1)(B)1.c.iv. and amendment of subsection (b)(3)(A) filed 4-1-2010; operative 4-1-2010 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4 (Register 2010, No. 14).
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### § 1961.2. Exhaust Emission Standards and Test Procedures — 2015 and Subsequent Model Passenger Cars, Light-Duty Trucks, and Medium-Duty Vehicles.

**Introduction.** This section 1961.2 contains the California "LEV III" exhaust emission standards for 2015 and subsequent model year passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty vehicles. A manufacturer must demonstrate compliance with the exhaust standards in subsection (a) applicable to specific test groups, and with the composite phase-in requirements in subsection (b) applicable to the manufacturer's entire fleet.

Before the 2015 model year, a manufacturer that produces vehicles that meet the standards in subsection (a) has the option of certifying the vehicles to those standards, in which case the vehicles will be treated as LEV III vehicles for purposes of the fleet-wide phase-in requirements. Similarly, 2015 - 2019 model-year vehicles may be certified to the "LEV II" exhaust emission standards in subsection 1961(a)(1), in which case the vehicles will be treated as LEV II vehicles for purposes of the fleet-wide phase-in requirements.

A manufacturer has the option of certifying engines used in incomplete and diesel medium-duty vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of greater than 10,000 lbs. GVW to the heavy-duty engine standards and test procedures set forth in title 13, CCR, subsections 1956.8(c) and (h). All medium-duty vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than or equal to 10,000 lbs. GVW, including incomplete otto-cycle medium-duty vehicles and medium-duty vehicles that use diesel cycle engines, must be certified to the LEV III chassis standards and test procedures set forth in this section 1961.2 in 2020 and subsequent model years.

#### Pooling Provision.

For each model year, a manufacturer must demonstrate compliance with this section 1961.2 based on one of two options applicable throughout the model year, either:

Option 1: the total number of passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty vehicles that are certified to the California exhaust emission standards in subsection (a) and subsection 1961(a)(1), and are produced and delivered for sale in California; or

Option 2: the total number of passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty vehicles that are certified to the California exhaust emission standards in subsection (a) and subsection 1961(a)(1), and are pro-

duced and delivered for sale in California, the District of Columbia, and all states that have adopted California's criteria pollutant emission standards set forth in this section 1961.2 for that model year pursuant to section 177 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7507).

A manufacturer that selects compliance Option 2 must notify the Executive Officer of that selection in writing prior to the start of the applicable model year or must comply with Option 1. Once a manufacturer has selected compliance Option 2, that selection applies unless the manufacturer selects Option 1 and notifies the Executive Officer of that selection in writing before the start of the applicable model year.

When a manufacturer is demonstrating compliance using Option 2 for a given model year, the term "in California" as used in this section 1961.2 means California, the District of Columbia, and all states that have adopted California's criteria pollutant emission standards set forth in this section 1961.2 for that model year pursuant to Section 177 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7507).

#### (a) Exhaust Emission Standards.

(1) "LEV III" Exhaust Standards. The following standards are the maximum exhaust emissions for the full useful life from new 2015 and subsequent model year "LEV III" passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty vehicles, including fuel-flexible, bi-fuel and dual-fuel vehicles when operating on the gaseous or alcohol fuel they are designed to use. 2015 - 2019 model-year LEV II LEV vehicles may be certified to the 150,000 mile NMOG+NOx emission standards for LEV160, LEV395, or LEV630, as applicable, in this subsection (a)(1) and the corresponding NMOG+NOx numerical values in subsection (a)(4), in lieu of the separate NMOG and NOx exhaust emission standards in subsection 1961(a)(1) and the corresponding NMOG numerical values in subsection 1961(a)(4) and LEV II ULEV vehicles may be certified to the 150,000 mile NMOG+NOx emission standards for ULEV125, ULEV340, or ULEV570, as applicable, in this subsection (a)(1) and the corresponding NMOG+NOx numerical values in subsection (a)(4), in lieu of the separate NMOG and NOx exhaust emission standards in subsection 1961(a)(1) and the corresponding NMOG numerical values in subsection 1961(a)(4). 2015 - 2019 model-year LEV II SULEV vehicles that receive a partial ZEV allowance in accordance with the "California Exhaust Emission Standards and Test Procedures for 2009 through 2017 Model Zero-Emission Vehicles and Hybrid Electric Vehicles, in the Passenger Car, Light-Duty Truck and Medium-Duty Vehicle Classes" and 2015 - 2016 model year vehicles that are allowed to certify to LEV II SULEV standards using "carryover" of emission test data under the provisions in subsection (b)(2) may be certified to the 150,000 mile NMOG+NOx emission standards for SULEV30, SULEV170, or SULEV230, as applicable, in this subsection (a)(1) and the corresponding NMOG+NOx numerical values in subsection (a)(4), in lieu of the separate NMOG and NOx exhaust emission standards in subsection 1961(a)(1) and the corresponding NMOG numerical values in subsection 1961(a)(4). LEV II SULEV vehicles that do not either (1) receive a partial ZEV allowance or (2) certify to LEV II SULEV standards in the 2015 - 2016 model years using "carryover" of emission test data may not certify to combined NMOG+NOx standards. LEV II vehicles that certify to combined NMOG+NOx standards will be treated as LEV II vehicles for purposes of the fleet-wide phase-in requirements.

**ATTACHMENT 3**

- A The total or optional non-methane hydrocarbon standards apply to petroleum-fueled, natural-gas-fueled and liquefied-petroleum-gas-fueled engines and methanol-fueled engines beginning in 2004. The Organic Material Hydrocarbon Equivalent, or OMHCE, standards apply to 1987 through 2003 methanol-fueled engines.
- B Prior to the 2002 model year, carbon monoxide emissions from engines utilizing exhaust after treatment technology shall also not exceed 0.5 percent of the exhaust gas flow at curb idle.
- C Manufacturers with existing heavy-duty Otto-cycle engines certified to the California 1986 steady-state emission standards and test procedures may as an option certify those engines, for the 1987 model year only, in accordance with the standards and test procedures for 1986 heavy-duty Otto-cycle engines established in Section 1956.7.
- D These standards are applicable to Otto-cycle engines intended for use in all heavy-duty vehicles.
- E Applicable to heavy-duty Otto-cycle engines intended for use only in vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 14,000 pounds. Also, as an option, a manufacturer may certify one or more 1988 through 1994 model Otto-cycle heavy-duty engine configurations intended for use in all heavy-duty vehicles to these emission standards, provided that the total model-year sales of such configuration(s) being certified to these emission standards represent no more than 5 percent of total model-year sales of all Otto-cycle heavy-duty engines intended for use in vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of up to 14,000 pounds by the manufacturer.
- F These are optional standards and apply to all heavy-duty engines intended for use only in vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 14,000 pounds. A manufacturer may elect to certify to an optional standard between the values, inclusive, by 0.5 grams per brake horsepower-hour increments.
- G A manufacturer may request to certify to Option 1 or Option 2 federal NMHC + NOx standards as set forth in 40 CFR § 86.005-10(f), as adopted October 6, 2000.

(B) The exhaust emissions from new 2005 and subsequent model heavy-duty engines subject to the alternative standards in 40 CFR § 86.005-10(f), shall not exceed:  
 California Emission Standards for 2005 and Subsequent Model Heavy-Duty Otto-Cycle Engines<sup>A</sup>

Model Year	Emission Category	NMHC + NOx	NMHC	NOx	CO <sup>F</sup>	HCHO	PM
<b>Standards for Heavy-Duty Otto-Cycle Engines Used In 2005 through 2019 Model Incomplete Medium-Duty Vehicles 8,501 to 10,000 pounds GVW<sup>B</sup> and 2005 and Subsequent Model Incomplete Medium-Duty Vehicles 10,001 to 14,000 pounds GVW<sup>C</sup></b>							
2005 through 2007	ULEV	1.0 <sup>C,E</sup>	n/a	n/a	14.4	0.05	n/a
	SULEV	0.5	n/a	n/a	7.2	0.025	n/a
2008 and subsequent	ULEV	n/a	0.14 <sup>E</sup>	0.20 <sup>E</sup>	14.4	0.01	0.01
	SULEV	n/a	0.07 <sup>E</sup>	0.10 <sup>E</sup>	7.2	0.005	0.005
<b>Standards for Heavy-Duty Otto-Cycle Engines Used In Heavy-Duty Vehicles Over 14,000 pounds GVW</b>							
2005 through 2007	n/a	1.0 <sup>D,F</sup>	n/a	n/a	37.1	0.05 <sup>E</sup>	n/a
2008 and subsequent	n/a	n/a	0.14 <sup>E</sup>	0.20 <sup>E</sup>	14.4	0.01	0.01

- <sup>A</sup>These standards apply to petroleum-fueled, alcohol-fueled, liquefied petroleum gas-fueled and natural gas-fueled Otto-cycle engines.
- <sup>B</sup>For the 2020 and subsequent model years, medium-duty vehicles 8,501 to 10,000 pounds GVW must certify to the primary emission standards and test procedures for complete vehicles specified in section 1961.2, title 13, CCR.
- <sup>C</sup>A manufacturer of engines used in incomplete medium-duty vehicles may choose to comply with these standards as an alternative to the primary emission standards and test procedures for complete vehicles specified in section 1961 or 1961.2, title 13, CCR. A manufacturer that chooses to comply with these optional heavy-duty engine standards and test procedures shall specify, in the Part I application for certification, an in-use compliance test procedure, as provided in section 2139(c), title 13 CCR.
- <sup>D</sup>A manufacturer may request to certify to the Option 1 or Option 2 federal NMHC + NOx standards as set forth in 40 CFR § 86.005-10(f). However, for engines used in medium-duty vehicles, the formaldehyde level must meet the standard specified above.
- <sup>E</sup>This standard only applies to methanol-fueled Otto-cycle engines.
- <sup>F</sup>A manufacturer may elect to include any or all of its medium- and heavy-duty Otto-cycle engine families in any or all of the emissions ABT programs for HDEs, within the restrictions described in section 1.15 of the "California Exhaust Emission Standards and Test Procedures for 2004 and Subsequent Model Heavy-Duty Otto-Cycle Engines," incorporated by reference in section 1956.8(d). For engine families certified to the Option 1 or 2 federal standards, the FEL must not exceed 1.5 g/bhp-hr. If a manufacturer elects to include engine families certified to the 2005 and subsequent model year standards, the NOx plus NMHC FEL must not exceed 1.0 g/bhp-hr. For engine families certified to the 2008 and subsequent model year standards, the FEL is the same as set forth in 40 CFR 86.008-10(a)(1).
- <sup>G</sup>Idle carbon monoxide: For all Otto-cycle heavy-duty engines utilizing aftertreatment technology, and not certified to the on-board diagnostics requirements of section 1968, et seq, as applicable, the CO emissions shall not exceed 0.50 percent of exhaust gas flow at curb idle.

(2) Formaldehyde exhaust emissions from new 1993 and subsequent model methanol-fueled otto cycle engines shall not exceed:

Model Year	Formaldehyde (g/bhp-hr)
1993-1995	0.10
1996 and Subsequent	0.05

(3) Optional Standards for Complete and Incomplete Heavy-Duty Vehicles that Use Heavy-Duty Otto-Cycle Engines. Manufacturers may request to group complete and incomplete heavy-duty Otto-cycle vehicles into the same test group as Otto-cycle vehicles certifying to the LEV III

exhaust emission standards and test procedures specified in title 13, CCR, §1961.2, so long as those complete and incomplete heavy-duty Otto-cycle vehicles meet the most stringent LEV III standards to which any vehicle within that test group certifies.

(d) The test procedures for determining compliance with standards applicable to 1987 and subsequent model heavy-duty Otto-cycle engines and vehicles are set forth in the "California Exhaust Emission Standards and Test Procedures for 1987 through 2003 Model Heavy-Duty Otto-Cycle Engines and Vehicles," adopted April 25, 1986, as last amended December 27, 2000, the "California Exhaust Emission Standards and Test Procedures for 2004 and Subsequent Model Heavy-Duty Otto-