

State of California  
Environment Protection Agency  
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

## Notice of Exemption

**Project Title:** Amendments to the Regulation for Small Containers of Automotive Refrigerant

**Project Location:** Statewide

**Public Meeting Date:** April 22, 2016; Agenda Item 16-4-3

**Project Description:** Amendments to clarify the existing requirements that retailers must transfer unclaimed consumer deposits to manufacturer-managed accounts to be spent on programs for the benefit of the consumers, to establish new recordkeeping and quarterly reporting requirements which ensure the retailers' compliance with this provision, to expand the scope of how this money is spent and to eliminate the provision for adjusting the deposit, which will now be fixed at \$10.

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board), as the lead agency, approved the above action on April 22, 2016.

ARB has determined that this regulation is exempt from CEQA under the "general rule" or "common sense" exemption (14 CCR 15061(b)(3)). The common sense exemption states a project is exempt from CEQA if "the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA." Based on ARB's review it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the regulation would result in a significant adverse impact on the environment; therefore, this activity is exempt from CEQA. A brief explanation of the basis for reaching this conclusion is included in Chapter IV of the Staff Report.

The Staff Report and all other related documents are available for public inspection on the ARB webpage at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2016/smallcans2016/smallcans2016.htm>

These documents may also be examined at:

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