

Notice of Exemption

Project Title: Amendments to California's Evaluation Procedures for New Aftermarket Catalytic Converters

Project Location: Statewide

Public Meeting Date: September 28, 2017; Agenda Item #17-9-2

Project Description: The amendments update the evaluation procedure that a manufacturer must use in order to certify and sell aftermarket catalytic converters in California to be used on California passenger cars and trucks. These changes to the evaluation procedure incorporate LEV III standards and test procedures to demonstrate that LEV III vehicles that are equipped with these devices will comply with the same LEV III emission standards to which they were originally certified.

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board), as the lead agency, approved the above action on September 28, 2017.

ARB has determined that these regulatory amendments are 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 these regulatory amendments 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 V of the Staff Report.

The Staff Report and all other related documents are available for public inspection on the ARB webpage at: <https://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2017/amcat2017/amcat2017.htm>

These documents may also be examined at:

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