State of California AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Notice of Public Availability of Modified Text

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CALIFORNIA REGULATION FOR REDUCING EMISSIONS FROM CONSUMER PRODUCTS PERTAINING TO AUTOMOTIVE WINDSHIELD WASHER FLUID PRODUCTS

Public Hearing Date: October 18, 2012 Public Availability Date: November 6, 2012 Deadline for Public Comment: November 21, 2012

At its October 18, 2012, public hearing the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) approved for adoption the amendments to the California Regulation for Reducing Emissions from Consumer Products pertaining to Automotive Windshield Washer Fluid products, California Code of Regulations, title 17, sections 94508 and 94509. The amendments to the consumer products regulation expand Type "A" areas by adding some areas that routinely experience freezing temperatures in the winter. The net effect of adding these areas is to allow Automotive Windshield Washer Fluid products with up to 25 percent by weight volatile organic compound content to be offered for sale in these areas to prevent the fluid from freezing. Because they match the areas well, and are easily understood, ZIP codes will be used to describe these areas.

The amendments also clarify the existing Type "A" areas by listing these areas by county name instead of air basin. Because Placer County spans three air basins, and only portions of Placer County are included in Type "A" areas, the Type "A" portions will be described by listing ZIP codes. These amendments will be reflected in a reorganized single definition. The amendments also allow language on dilutable product labels to advise consumers to dilute the product for Type "A" specifications if traveling to areas when freezing temperatures are expected.

At the hearing, the staff presented, and the Board approved modifications to the regulation originally proposed in the Staff Report released on August 29, 2012. Table 94508(a)(20)(B) was modified to add ZIP code 92325 in San Bernardino County as a Type "A" area. This ZIP code was inadvertently omitted during drafting of the originally proposed regulatory language.

At the hearing, the Board approved Board Resolution 12-32, which endorsed amendments to sections 94508 and 94509, with the modifications set forth in Attachment B to the resolution and such other conforming modifications as may be appropriate. The resolution and all other regulatory documents for this rulemaking are available online at the following ARB website: http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2012/cp2012/cp2012.htm

In accordance with the Government Code, section 11346.8, the Board directed the Executive Officer to adopt the amendments in the California Code of Regulations title 17, sections 94508 and 94509, after making them available to the public for comment for a period of at least fifteen days. The Board further provided that the Executive Officer shall consider such written comments as may be submitted during this period, shall make such modifications as may be appropriate in light of the comments received, and shall present the regulation to the Board for further consideration if warranted.

Written comments will only be accepted on the modification approved by the Board as set forth in the Attachment to this notice and may be submitted by postal mail or electronic mail submittal as follows:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board

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In order to be considered by the Executive Officer, comments must be directed to ARB in one of the two forms described above and received by ARB by 5:00 p.m., on the deadline date for public comment listed at the beginning of this notice. Only comments relating to the above-described modification to the text of the regulation shall be considered by the Executive Officer.

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