Summary: Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation For Public Agencies

Regulated Entities and Vehicles

The Advanced Clean Fleet (ACF) regulation applies to fleets owned by State, local, and federal government agencies. The regulation affects medium- and heavy-duty on-road vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 8,500 pounds, off-road yard tractors, and light-duty mail and package delivery vehicles.

Individual departments and divisions under the same agency's jurisdiction have the option to comply jointly instead of complying independently.

Public Fleets Rules and Deadlines

There are two compliance options for public fleets:

- Purchase Requirement: 50 percent of vehicle purchases must be zero-emission beginning January 1, 2024, and 100 percent of vehicle purchases must be zero-emission beginning January 1, 2027.
 - Near-zero emission vehicles (NZEVs) are considered zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) through the 2035 model year.
 - o Early and excess purchases can count toward future requirements.
 - Delayed compliance:
 - Fleets with at least 90% of its service area in a low-population county are not required to make ZEV purchases until 2027.
 - Small government fleets (those with 10 or fewer vehicles) are not required to make ZEV purchases until 2027.
- ➤ <u>ZEV Milestone</u>: Up until January 1, 2030, public fleets may alternatively opt into the ZEV milestone compliance pathway. Beginning January 1, 2025, fleet owners must continuously meet or exceed the ZEV Fleet Milestone percentage requirements set forth below.

Percentage of vehicles that must be ZEVs	10%	25%	50%	75%	100%
Milestone Group 1: Box trucks, vans, buses with two axles, yard tractors, light-duty package delivery vehicles	2025	2028	2031	2033	2035 and beyond
Milestone Group 2: Work trucks, day cab tractors, pickup trucks, buses with three axles	2027	2030	2033	2036	2039 and beyond
Milestone Group 3: Sleeper cab tractors and specialty vehicles	2030	2033	2036	2039	2042 and beyond

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Exemptions

The purchase of an internal combustion engine is allowed under the following exemptions:

- ➤ Mutual Aid for up to 25% of the fleet
- > ZEV Unavailability
- Daily Usage
- ➤ Non-repairable Vehicles
- > ZEV Infrastructure Delay
- > Snow Equipment:
 - o Dedicated snow removal vehicles.
 - Until 2030, intermittent snow vehicles that are equipped with a snow plow or snow blower mounting attachment and a control system for the plow or blower.

Exemption requests must be submitted to CARB, and the Executive Officer will notify the fleet owner by email whether the exemption has been approved within 45 calendar days from the date a complete application is received. If the Executive Officer does not respond to within this timeframe, the exemption will be deemed approved.

Reporting

Fleet owners must submit an annual report by April 1 of each year, beginning on April 1, 2024. Annual reports include:

- Agency information, designated contacts, and whether the fleet is opting in to the ZEV milestone pathway.
- ➤ Vehicle information for each vehicle in the fleet as of January 1 of that year.

Vehicles added or permanently removed must be additionally reported within 30 calendar days of such action. This applies to both ZEV and International Combustion Engine (ICE) vehicles.