

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles

Implementation Workshop First Edition

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) along with the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) organized and sponsored an implementation workshop in Ann Arbor, MI on November 3, 2011. The objective of this workshop was to provide guidance to heavy-duty (HD) engine and vehicle manufacturers who wish to exercise the option for early compliance under new greenhouse gas (GHG) and fuel consumption (FC) regulations (see 76 FR 57106) for model year 2013 products. By so doing, manufacturers are able to secure early credits which will enable a more efficient phase-in of compliant products and, by so doing, will provide cleaner and more fuel efficient technologies to the marketplace sooner.

The HD GHG and FC Implementation Workshop included a number of presentations describing the processes manufacturers would need to follow to certify vehicles and technologies, test certified products, exercise available compliance flexibilities and report information to the agencies. During the course of the workshop, questions were submitted to the EPA/NHTSA panel on note cards from the audience. Agency representatives answered a number of technical questions during the workshop.

This document contains a record of: 1) answers given to those technical questions during the workshop which are included in this document to provide a complete

record of our positions with respect to implementation of this rule, and; 2) answers to several additional questions that went unanswered at the workshop due to time constraints. Answers to the remaining questions are not included in this first update since the workshop. The agencies intend to update this document on a regular basis as the answers to these additional questions are developed and as new questions that continue to come in over time are received and answered. Finally, wherever possible, when many questions are received that warrant the same answer, we have listed all these questions together under one question number in order to answer them once.

This document was prepared by EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) with input from NHTSA. Regulated parties may use this document to aid in achieving compliance with the regulations for heavy-duty vehicles (40 CFR Part 86, 1037; and, 49 CFR Part 523,534 and 535) and heavy-duty engines (40 CFR Part 1036; and, 49 CFR Part 523, 534 and 535). However, this document does not in any way alter the requirements in EPA's or NHTSA's regulations. Although the answers provided in this document interpret the regulations and indicate general plans for implementation of the regulations at this time, some of the responses may change as additional information becomes available, or as the agencies further consider certain issues. The questions and answers contained in this document do not establish or change the legal rights or obligations of manufacturers in complying with EPA and NHTSA regulations. Further, this document does not establish binding rules or requirements and is not fully determinative of the issues addressed. Moreover, Agency decisions in any particular case will be made applying the law and regulations on the basis of specific facts.

GENERAL:

What is the anticipated timeline to get early certification?

Manufacturers should begin now collecting data and information required to submit a complete application for certification, carry out pre-certification meetings with the agencies and begin the application process. If manufacturers have prepared complete applications, EPA and NHTSA will be ready to conduct application reviews and possibly issue certificates by the first quarter of calendar year 2012.

When will the Designated Compliance Officer (DCO) be named?

Per 1037.801, the DCO is defined as the manager of the Heavy-Duty and Nonroad Engine Group. Due to a recent reorganization of EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality, the name of the Heavy-Duty and Nonroad Engine Group has been changed to the Diesel Engine Compliance Center. The manager of the Diesel Engine Compliance Center is the DCO. The current DCO, Justin Greuel, can be reached at 202-343-9626. Each engine/truck manufacturer is assigned an EPA certification representative in the Diesel Engine Compliance Center who should be your first line of contact with EPA.

For 2b/3 Pick Ups and Vans, the certification representative is the same assigned for your LDV/LDT/MDPVs.

For HD Engines, the certification representative is the same assigned for your criteria pollution engine certification.

For Combination Tractors and Vocational Vehicles, your assigned certification representative is as follows:

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PACCAR, Ford, GM, Cummins, Isuzu

Who will review and approve each portion of the certification data, both in the pre-certification meeting and in the application?

The review process for pre-certification and certification application review will be handled by various agency staff with your assigned certification representative as the focal point. Technical experts within EPA and NHTSA will be used for various aspects of the review process as needed (e.g., aerodynamics and tire consultation).

When will EPA be ready to provide certification templates?

Templates have been reviewed at the Certification Workshop. These templates will be posted to epa.gov/otaq/certdat2.htm as soon as the HD GHG Information Collection Request is approved by the Office of Management and Budget.

When will EPA be ready to receive certification documents from OEMs?

Certification documents using the new templates can be submitted at any time after templates are posted. Posting will occur as soon as the HD GHG Regulation Information Collection Request is approved by the Office of Management and Budget.

Will there be fees? What will the GHG certification fees be for engines and vehicles and hybrids?

The Heavy Duty Greenhouse Gas Rule does not establish new fees. Thus, OEMs of HD engines and pickup trucks/vans will continue to pay a fee for criteria pollutant certification, but at this time there are no new fees associated with certification to heavy duty greenhouse gas standards. A consequence is that OEMs of vehicles not subject to criteria pollutant certification requirements (i.e., vocational chassis, combination tractors, and Class 4 & 5 certifying as HD Pickups/Vans) do not pay certification fees.

What system, if any, will be used for submission of early certification and future certification applications and supporting data?

The early credit certification will be done using FileMaker Pro for engines. Minor revisions to the engine FileMaker Pro templates will accommodate engine GHG certification data. New Excel-based templates for HD Pickups/Vans, Combination Tractors and Vocational Vehicles have been created. Certification information for all sectors will be submitted using the Central Data Exchange (CDX) system.

Will EPA provide templates for certification documentation and support data?

Yes. Certification application templates will be provided. However, be sure to discuss this with your Certification Representative as some support documentation may need to be provided to EPA through the CDX in .pdf or similar format.

What level of detail will EPA require for each aspect/topic that requires data?

The templates will define the information you need to provide to EPA and NHTSA to comply with regulations. To the extent that the templates are unclear to you, we encourage you to work with your Certification Representative. Manufacturers must also keep the necessary back-up data and information should EPA require additional information to confirm the submission.

FEL vs. FCL

The morning presentation stated that the FCL is used for certification and for credits, while the FEL is used for audit purposes and in use testing.

- 1037.615 (e) calculate CO² credits using FEL for electric vehicles.
- 1037.705 (b) calculate CO² credits using FEL
- 1036.801: says FCL is used for CO² and FEL is used for other emissions, except CO² and for CO² FEL=FCL*1.03

Please clarify?

The Family Certification Level (FCL) only applies for CO² for Engines as described in 40CFR1036.108 and 1036.801. Vehicle manufacturers should use the Family Emission Limit (FEL) as described in 1037.801.

Product/Planning: What timing requirements does the agency anticipate HD GHG certification reviews will require for (1) Engines, (2) Vehicles? Since 1997, Engine certification has gone from 2-3 pages and a few days to, today, several hundreds of pages (both emissions and OBD) with multiple agency review (EPA/CARB) taking several months to get approvals. How many pages (or reams) does the EPA anticipate a vehicle certification application will be? And how long for EPA to review them?

The manufacturer will need to fill out certification templates and provide the requested supporting documentation. Length of the application package will be dependent upon complexity of emission control strategies (e.g., AECs) or alternative test procedures used by the manufacturer. For a complete application (assuming that all preliminary approval items have already been resolved), a manufacturer can typically plan for at least 30-45 days after submitting the application. Incomplete applications can delay the processing time further.

Model Year End Date: When do OEMs need to tell EPA of the actual end date of a model year versus the projected end date that is put on the certification worksheet?

For purposes of meeting reporting obligations, end of model year is considered December 31st. If a manufacturer ends their production period earlier than December 31st, they should include the information in their end of year production reports.

Does EPA have a guidance document site similar to the Applicability Determination Index for Stationary Source Regulations (NSR, PSD, MAIT, NSPS), but for Part 85, 86, 1036, 1037 (mobile source ADI site). If not are there plans to establish one?

www.epa.gov/otaq/cert/dearmfr/dearmfr.htm

www.epa.gov/otaq/certdat2.htm

HEAVY DUTY PICKUPS & VANS:

No specific questions concerning HD Pickups and Van have been completed to date. See general questions.

HEAVY DUTY ENGINES:

No specific questions concerning HD Engines have been completed to date. See general questions.

COMBINATION TRACTORS & VOCATIONAL VEHICLES:

What level of detail must be reported to EPA with respect to the OEM definition of Vocational Tractor?

In order for a vehicle to be reclassified as a vocational tractor, it must meet the definition in 40CFR1037.630(a) and 49CFR523.2, meet the requirements in 40CFR1037.630(b) and 49CFR535.5(c)(5), and include the language required to be added to the vehicle's emission control information label specified in 1037.630(c). In addition, there are production limits for vocational tractors. No manufacturers may produce more than 21,000 vehicles under 1037.630(c) in any three consecutive model years. No pre-approval is normally required for on-road vocational tractors. A manufacturer is only required under 1037.630(b) to include in its application for certification a brief description of its basis for reclassifying certain of its tractors as vocational, citing the applicable vehicle and application types enumerated in 1037.630(a)(1). As specified in 1037.630(c), the manufacturer must keep records for three years to document its basis for believing the vehicles will be used as described in 1037.630(a). In the future, if EPA determines that a manufacturer is not applying the allowance in good faith, it may require the manufacturer obtain preliminary approval before using the allowance.

What level of detail must be reported to EPA with respect to the OEM definition of Off Road Vehicle?

There is no requirement that OEMs obtain approval of off-road status (and consequent exemption from the vocational vehicle GHG standards). Criteria for meeting this exemption are found at 40 CFR 1037.631(a) and 49 CFR 523.2, but the manufacturer must report the basis of its determination by the end of year, as outlined in 40 CFR 1037.631(c) and 49 CFR 535.8(h)(6). However, if the vehicles do not meet the criteria of the definition in the regulation, then the manufacturer may ask for an exemption according to 40 CFR 1037.150(h) and 49 CFR 535.8(h)(6)(ii). EPA will coordinate approval decisions with NHTSA.

We are a corporation made up of several business units or divisions that all produce vocational vehicles. We have at least two divisions that are final stage manufacturers who produce their own chassis. Will we be asking for one manufacturer number for the corporation, or does each division get their own number?

It is normal practice among corporations to use one manufacturer code for all vehicle and engine products regulated by EPA. Therefore, you should use one manufacturer code to encompass all your products regulated by EPA. However, let your certification representative know if you think this approach would be problematic for you.

Likewise, will we average compliance across the corporation for all vocational vehicles, or does the averaging take place only within a division?

The averaging should take place across the corporate product lines. You may average within the following three averaging sets:

- Light heavy duty vehicle line
- Medium heavy duty vehicle line
- Heavy heavy duty vehicle line

In the vocational Subcategory there are many small manufacturers for vehicles but only a few big tire manufacturers.

- a) What is the tire manufacturer's responsibility to provide tire data to the vehicle manufacturers?
- b) What is the procedure if the tire data is not available in a timely manner from the tire manufacturer?
- c) What is EPA's plan to harmonize the data if the same tire shows different results?

- a) The certificate holder (i.e., the vehicle manufacturer) is responsible for establishing agreements with tire manufacturers for the proper collection of tire data to provide to EPA. According to 1037.650, tire manufacturers providing such data to vehicle manufacturers are liable for the accuracy and representativeness of the test data.
- b) If the tire manufacturer does not submit tire data to the vehicle manufacturer, the vehicle manufacturer should make alternate arrangements to develop or obtain tire data on their own and in accordance with 1037.520(c).
- c) EPA has no plan to harmonize tire data, but the agency can conduct confirmatory testing (e.g., if we observe outlier data from the same tire model). 1037.520(c) (1) states that tire rolling resistance be measured, "... as specified in ISO 28580 (incorporated by reference in 1037.810), except as specified in this paragraph (c)." Use good engineering judgment to ensure that your test results are not biased low. You may ask us to identify a reference test laboratory to which you may correlate your test results." (See Question 19 for further agency guidance with respect to tire test laboratories)

Are there Recognized test labs for Tire RR? Has the reference facility for determining tire rolling resistance per ISO28580 been determined?

At this time, EPA and NHTSA are unaware of any laboratories with a reference machine that has been certified specifically for use with the ISO 28580 test protocol. However, EPA and NHTSA have test results showing that two independent tire testing laboratories in the United States, Smithers-Rapra and Standards Testing Laboratory, have tire rolling resistance test machines that correlate well to each other. Both these independent laboratories have been used by the federal government and by industry to conduct tire testing for other federally-mandated programs. Therefore, until ISO certified tire machines are available, should a vehicle manufacturer request a test laboratory to which it may correlate its test results, EPA will accept tire data generated by or correlated to either of these two laboratories. In addition, should EPA decide to confirm or compliance test tires so certified, EPA will use one of these two laboratories for the testing.

Will we get separate vehicle certificates and engine certificates?

For class 2b/3 complete vehicles you will receive a vehicle certificate based on complete vehicle testing. For 2b-8 incomplete vehicles you will receive a vehicle certificate based on chassis modeling. For class 7-8s tractors/vocational vehicles you will receive a vehicle certificate based on chassis modeling. For engines in vehicles not included in the 2b/3 complete vehicle program, which are subject to the engine provisions, you will receive an engine certificate based on engine testing. If you are the manufacturer of both the engine and the chassis, and intend to certify as a vocational vehicle, you will receive an engine certificate based on engine testing and a vehicle certificate based on chassis modeling.