

Final Cattle Truck Provisions *ARB Diesel Truck & Bus Regulation*

Cattle trucks now determined to be “Specialty Farm Vehicles” as defined:

A cattle livestock truck with a GVWR greater than 33,000 lbs. or tractor trailer combination that exclusively transports cattle, where the truck has a permanently attached livestock module, or where the tractor-trailer combination exclusively tows a trailer with a livestock module.

Cattle trucks defined as “Specialty Farm Vehicles” registered and labeled appropriately are exempt from retrofit or replacement requirements until January 1, 2023 without mileage restrictions under the following conditions:

For-Hire

For-hire livestock truck owners will only be exempt for a specified spring and fall cattle season during the year and will immediately forfeit the exemption if operating in California outside the specified cattle season:

- 1. The spring season will begin May 1 and end June 15, and the fall season will begin October 1 and end November 15.*
- 2. The Executive Officer (ARB), for good reason or in the event of an emergency (drought, fire, etc.) will be given the authority to alter the dates of the spring and fall season so long as neither period exceeds two calendar months.*

Not-For-Hire

Owners of cattle trucks exclusively operated not-for-hire can operate under the extension all year, but must present a brand certificate to ensure the brand of the livestock being hauled are registered to haul outside the spring and fall cattle season periods.

Cab-Over Truck & Trailer

Up to 20 cab-over trucks with an attached livestock module that exclusively haul cattle in a for-hire or not-for-hire capacity may operate without seasonal restrictions.

- 1. In the event that there are requests for more than 20 extensions, the Executive Officer (ARB) will issue 1 extension per fleet by random selection until all 20 are taken.*

Labeling

Specialty Farm Vehicles shall be labeled within 30 days of a properly reporting the vehicle to ARB. Letters shall be white block lettering on a black background. Both letters shall be at least three inches high on a five by eight inch background. The label shall be located on the left and right door of the vehicle and in clear view at all times.

For-Hire

Trucks will be labeled with the letters “CS”

Not-For-Hire

Trucks will be labeled with the letters “AG”

Cab-Over Truck & Trailer

Trucks will be labeled with the letters “AG”

Reporting

Cattle livestock trucks must be reported prior to January 31, 2015. The number of specialty farm vehicle extensions that are being used by the fleet owner may not increase from one year to the next. Cattle trucks being registered for the first time prior to January 31, 2015 are exempt but establish the fleet size for subsequent years. The maximum number of qualifying agricultural vehicles in the fleet shall be established by the number of agricultural vehicles in the fleet as of January 1, 2009. Cattle livestock trucks are exempt if reporting for the first time, however the cattle livestock truck being reported or a previous vehicle that was replaced with the cattle livestock truck must have been in the fleet as of January 1, 2009. Specialty farm vehicles may be replaced in subsequent years so long as the engine of the replacement is one year newer than the vehicle being replaced. The replaced vehicle must be retired. Specific reporting forms to report a cattle livestock truck as a specialty farm vehicle will be forthcoming soon.