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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
AND FIRE PROTECTION

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Equipment Standard

Mandatory Compliance

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Pre-Mix Fuel in Portable Containers Transported on CCV

All camp crew vehicles are certified Class 1 truck/bus constructed to meet state and federal regulations for transportation of people.

For those areas where the completed truck/bus does not comply with the regulations or the regulations are ambiguous when applied to Forestry's use, the department petitions the California Highway Patrol for an exemption.

All highway exemptions are vehicle specific (by VIN #) nontransferable and a copy must be carried in the vehicle at all times.

The succeeding text is a copy of the exemption (MC89-3) that allows CDF to transport pre-mix fuel in portable containers on CDF vehicles configured in truck/bus group (CCV) only.

The department policy is that whenever pre-mix fuel is being transported on any CCV, all seven stipulations of this exemption shall be met.

This letter constitutes an exemption for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection from the requirements of Sections 1161.2, 1161.3, 1163 except 1163(c) and 1216 of Title 13, California Code of Regulations (13 CCR). The purpose of the exemption is to allow the transportation of fuel in portable containers on specified buses. The buses are configured as truck chassis with separate passenger compartments mounted behind the truck cab. The buses are termed "Camp Crew Vehicles" by CDF and will be referred to as CCVs in this exemption.

This party is exempt from the provisions of 13 CCR 1216(b), subject to the following conditions:

1. The fuel is stored in portable containers of not more than two gallons capacity each. The total capacity of all containers to be transported on any one CCV shall be not more than eight gallons. All closures and vents of the containers shall be securely closed while the containers aboard any CCV contain any amount of flammable liquid or the fumes of such liquid.

2. The fuel containers shall be constructed and maintained to comply with the requirements of the American Society for Testing and Materials standards ASTM D3435-80 or ASTM F852-86. Original manufacturer's markings indicating the standards to which the containers have been constructed shall be maintained in legible condition. Containers whose markings have been rendered illegible will not be recognized as approved containers even if the container appears to be identical to another container that is clearly marked.
3. Containers shall be maintained in good condition and shall be clearly marked with the word "gasoline". Containers showing any amount of leakage shall not be transported.
4. The fuel containers shall be stowed during transportation in a compartment or compartments which are separate from the passenger compartment and from the driver's compartment, and provision shall be made to prevent fumes from entering occupied areas of the vehicle.
5. The compartment(s) in which the fuel containers are stowed during transportation shall be ventilated to prevent fumes from the containers from accumulating in the compartment. The containers of fuel shall not be stored in any compartment above any part of the exhaust system of the vehicle or near any other heat source, or in any location where leaking fuel could drip onto a heat source.
6. No other hazardous materials shall be transported in the same compartment with any container of fuel, including highway fusees (flares).
7. A copy of this exemption shall be carried in each CCV whenever flammable fuel is being transported in containers other than the vehicle's regular fuel tanks. It shall be presented to any authorized employee of the Department of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) or any peace officer upon request.

This exemption is nontransferable and may be rescinded at any time for good cause.

This exemption is granted pursuant to CCR Sections 1160.4 (c) and 1202 (f), under authority of California Vehicle Code Section 34501. If you have any questions, please contact us.

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