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Purpose:

This document provides guidance for CORE-approved Dealers and Purchasers regarding the registration and eligibility requirements for on-road terminal tractors under the CORE program. It outlines the necessary steps to ensure compliance with California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) regulations and other applicable requirements.

Why is DMV registration necessary for on-road terminal tractors?

California Department of Motor Vehicles registration ensures that vehicles meet California's legal requirements for roadworthiness and emission standards. Even though some on-road terminal tractors are used off-road, the CORE program mandates DMV registration to maintain uniform standards for all on-road vehicles receiving incentives.

What is required for an on-road terminal tractor to be eligible under the CORE program?

- Commercial Registration: The vehicle must be registered with the DMV. California Number (CA#) and Department of Transportation Number (DOT#) are required.
- Non-Operational Registration Option: If the vehicle will not be operated on public roads, it can be registered under a non-op status with the DMV. This ensures that the vehicle remains compliant while exempt from on-road operation requirements. CA# and DOT# are not required.
- International Registration Plan (IRP) is allowed. CA# and DOT# are required.

What is a non-op registration, and when can it be used?

Non-op registration is an option for vehicles that will not be used on public roads but still need to be legally registered. For on-road terminal tractors that will be used exclusively in off-road environments (such as at ports or container terminals), non-op registration with the DMV ensures that the vehicle complies with CORE requirements without the need for full road-use registration.

What documentation is required for DMV or non-op registration during the voucher redemption process?

For voucher redemption under CORE, Dealers and Purchasers must provide proof of DMV registration (commercial, non-op or IRP). A copy of the DMV registration document that shows the vehicle is registered as on-road, non-op or IRP is required to be uploaded by the Dealer to the Voucher Processing Center during voucher redemption.

What happens if my on-road terminal tractor is not registered properly?

Failure to register the vehicle will result in ineligibility for the CORE program. Without proper registration, the voucher redemption cannot be processed, and CORE funding will not be disbursed. It is crucial to ensure that all registration requirements are met prior to voucher redemption.

How does AB 794 effect on-road terminal tractors under CORE?

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 794, beginning with FY 2023–24, a fleet purchaser of new on-road terminal tractors is eligible to participate in an incentive program if it can demonstrate that it does not have any applicable law violation at the time of applying for the incentive, is not on the list maintained by the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement under Section 2810.4 of the Labor Code, and attests it will retain direct control over the manner and means for performance of any individual using or driving the vehicle. Prior to submitting voucher requests, on-road terminal tractor fleets of 1 or larger, must submit a public attestation online at: <https://www.cazevlaborlawcompliance.org/s/> so that they are in full compliance with all labor laws including Section 2810.4 of the Labor Code and in compliance with all Assembly Bill 794 conditions. Complaints received against fleets alleging labor law violations or false attestations will be investigated and referred to the state labor law agencies, as appropriate. Attestations must be renewed annually, for the duration of the project participation period, while participating in the incentive program; failure to do so will result in future ineligibility in the incentive program.

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