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may be ongoing under subparts D, E, and F of this part, each and every day the prohibited activity continues shall constitute a separate day of violation.

§ 80.81 Enforcement exemptions for California gasoline.

(a) The requirements of subparts D, E, F and J of this part are modified in accordance with the provisions contained in this section in the case of California gasoline.

(b)(1) Any refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender of gasoline that is sold, intended for sale, or made available for sale as a motor fuel in the State of California is, with regard to such gasoline, exempt from the compliance survey provisions contained in § 80.68.

(2) Any refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender of California gasoline is, with regard to such gasoline, exempt from the independent analysis requirements contained in § 80.65(f).

(3) Any refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender of California gasoline that elects to meet any benzene content, oxygen content, or toxics emission reduction standard specified in § 80.41 on average for any averaging period specified in § 80.67 that is in part before March 1, 1996, and in part subsequent to such date, shall, with regard to such gasoline that is produced or imported prior to such date, demonstrate compliance with each of the standards specified in § 80.41 for each of the following averaging periods in lieu of those specified in § 80.67:

(i) January 1 through December 31, 1995; and

(ii) March 1, 1995, through February 29, 1996.

(4) The compliance demonstration required by paragraph (b)(3)(ii) of this section shall be submitted no later than May 31, 1996, along with the report for the first quarter of 1996 required to be submitted under § 80.75(a)(1)(i).

(c) Any refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender of California gasoline that is manufactured or imported subsequent to March 1, 1996, and that meets the requirements of the California Phase 2 reformulated gasoline regulations, as set forth in Title 13, California Code of Regulations, sections 2260 et seq., is, with regard to such gas-

oline, exempt from the following requirements (in addition to the requirements specified in paragraph (b) of this section):

(1) The parameter value reconciliation requirements contained in § 80.65(e)(2);

(2) The designation of gasoline requirements contained in § 80.65(d), except in the case of RBOB that is designated as "any renewable oxygenate," "non-VOC controlled renewable ether only", or "renewable ether only";

(3) The reformulated gasoline and RBOB compliance requirements contained in § 80.65(c);

(4) The marking of conventional gasoline requirements contained in §§ 80.65(g) and 80.82;

(5) The annual compliance audit requirements contained in § 80.65(h), except where such audits are required with regard to the renewable oxygenate requirements contained in § 80.83;

(6) The downstream oxygenate blending requirements contained in § 80.69, except where such requirements apply to the renewable oxygenate requirements contained in § 80.83;

(7) The record keeping requirements contained in §§ 80.74 and 80.104, except that records required to be maintained under Title 13, California Code of Regulations, section 2270, shall be maintained for a period of five years from the date of creation and shall be delivered to the Administrator or to the Administrator's authorized representative upon request;

(8) The reporting requirements contained in §§ 80.75 and 80.105;

(9) The product transfer documentation requirements contained in § 80.77; and

(10) The compliance attest engagement requirements contained in subpart F of this part, except where such requirements apply to the renewable oxygenate requirements contained in § 80.83.

(d) Any refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender that produces or imports gasoline that is sold, intended for sale, or made available for sale as a motor vehicle fuel in the State of California subsequent to March 1, 1996, shall demonstrate compliance with the standards specified in §§ 80.41 and 80.90 by excluding the volume and properties of

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such gasoline from all conventional gasoline and reformulated gasoline that it produces or imports that is not sold, intended for sale, or made available for sale as a motor vehicle fuel in the State of California subsequent to such date. The exemption provided in this section does not exempt any refiner or importer from demonstrating compliance with such standards for all gasoline that it produces or imports.

(e)(1) The exemption provisions contained in paragraphs (b)(2), (b)(3), (c), and (f) of this section shall not apply under the circumstances set forth in paragraphs (e)(2) and (e)(3) of this section.

(2) Such exemption provisions shall not apply to any refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender of California gasoline with regards to any gasoline formulation that it produces or imports is certified under Title 13, California Code of Regulations, section 2265 or section 2266 (as amended July 2, 1996), unless:

(i) *Written notification option.* (A) The refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender, within 30 days of the issuance of such certification:

(1) Notifies the Administrator of such certification;

(2) Submits to the Administrator copies of the applicable certification order issued by the State of California and the application for certification submitted by the regulated party to the State of California; and

(3) Submits to the Administrator a written demonstration that all gasoline formulations produced, imported or blended by the refiner, importer or oxygenate blender for use in California meets each of the complex model per-gallon standards specified in § 80.41(c).

(B) If the Administrator determines that the written demonstration submitted under paragraph (e)(2)(i)(A) of this section does not demonstrate that all certified gasoline formulations meet each of the complex model per-gallon standards specified in § 80.41(c), the Administrator shall provide notice to the party (by first class mail) of such determination and of the date on which the exemption provisions specified in paragraph (e)(1) of this section shall no longer be applicable, which date shall be no earlier than 90 days

after the date of the Administrator's notification.

(ii) *Compliance survey option.* The compliance survey requirements of § 80.68 are met for each covered area in California for which the refiner, importer or oxygenate blender supplies gasoline for use in the covered area, except that:

(A) The survey series must determine compliance only with the oxygen content standard of 2.0 weight-percent;

(B) The survey series must consist of at least four surveys a year for each covered area;

(C) The surveys shall not be included in determining the number of surveys under § 80.68(b)(2);

(D) In the event a survey series conducted under this paragraph (e)(2)(ii) fails in accordance with § 80.68(c)(12), the provisions of §§ 80.41(o), (p) and (q) are applicable, except that if the survey series failure occurs in a year in which the applicable minimum oxygen content is 1.7 weight percent, the compliance survey option of this section shall not be applicable for any future year; and

(E) Notwithstanding § 80.41(o), in the event a covered area passes the oxygen content series in a year, the minimum oxygen content standard for that covered area beginning in the year following the passed survey series shall be made less stringent by decreasing the minimum oxygen content standard by 0.1%, except that in no case shall the minimum oxygen content standard be less than that specified in § 80.41(d).

(3)(i) Such exemption provisions shall not apply to any refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender of California gasoline who has been assessed a civil, criminal or administrative penalty for a violation of subpart D, E or F of this part or for a violation of the California Phase 2 reformulated gasoline regulations set forth in Title 13, California Code of Regulations, sections 2260 et seq., effective 90 days after the date of final agency or district court adjudication of such penalty assessment.

(ii) Any refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender subject to the provisions of paragraph (e)(3)(i) of this section may submit a petition to the Administrator for relief, in whole or in part, from the applicability of such provisions, for

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good cause. Good cause may include a showing that the violation for which a penalty was assessed was not a substantial violation of the Federal or California reformulated gasoline regulations.

(f) In the case of any gasoline that is sold, intended for sale, or made available for sale as a motor vehicle fuel in the State of California subsequent to March 1, 1996, any person that manufactures, sells, offers for sale, dispenses, supplies, offers for supply, stores, transports, or causes the transportation of such gasoline is, with regard to such gasoline, exempt from the following prohibited activities provisions:

- (1) The oxygenated fuels provisions contained in §80.78(a)(1)(iii);
- (2) The product transfer provisions contained in §80.78(a)(1)(iv);
- (3) The oxygenate blending provisions contained in §80.78(a)(7); and
- (4) The segregation of simple and complex model certified gasoline provision contained in §80.78(a)(9).

(g)(1) Any refiner that operates a refinery located outside the State of California at which California gasoline (as defined in paragraph (a)(2)(iii) of this section) is produced shall, with regard to such gasoline, provide to any person to whom custody or title of such gasoline is transferred, and each transferee shall provide to any subsequent transferee, documents which include the following information:

- (i) The name and address of the transferor;
- (ii) The name and address of the transferee;
- (iii) The volume of gasoline which is being transferred;
- (iv) The location of the gasoline at the time of the transfer;
- (v) The date and time of the transfer;
- (vi) The identification of the gasoline as California gasoline; and
- (vii) In the case of transferrors and transferees who are refiners, importers or oxygenate blenders, the EPA- assigned registration number of such persons.

(2) Each refiner and transferee of such gasoline shall maintain copies of the product transfer documents required to be provided by paragraph (g)(1) of this section for a period of five

years from the date of creation and shall deliver such documents to the Administrator or to the Administrator's authorized representative upon request.

(h)(1) For the purposes of the batch sampling and analysis requirements contained in §80.65(e)(1) and §80.101(i)(1)(i)(A), any refiner, importer or oxygenate blender of California gasoline may use a sampling and/or analysis methodology prescribed in Title 13, California Code of Regulations, sections 2260 *et seq.* (as amended July 2, 1996), in lieu of any applicable methodology specified in §80.46, with regards to

- (i) Such gasoline; or
- (ii) That portion of its gasoline produced or imported for use in other areas of the United States, provided that:

(A) The gasoline must be produced by a refinery that is located in the state of California that produces California gasoline, or imported into California from outside the United States as California Phase 2 gasoline;

(B) The gasoline must be classified as conventional gasoline upon exportation from the California; and

(C) The refiner or importer must correlate the results from the applicable sampling and /or analysis methodology prescribed in Title 13, California Code of Regulations, sections 2260 *et seq.* (as amended July 2, 1996), with the method specified at §80.46, and such correlation must be adequately demonstrated to EPA upon request.

(2) Notwithstanding the requirements of §80.65(e)(1) regarding when the properties of a batch of reformulated gasoline must be determined, a refiner of California gasoline may determine the properties of gasoline as specified under §80.65(e)(1) at off site tankage provided that:

- (i) The samples are properly collected under the terms of a current and valid protocol agreement between the refiner and the California Air Resources Board with regard to sampling at the off site tankage and consistent with requirements prescribed in Title 13, California Code of Regulations, sections 2260 *et seq.* (as amended July 2, 1996); and

(ii) The refiner provides a copy of the protocol agreement to EPA upon request.

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§ 80.82 Conventional gasoline marker.
[Reserved]

§ 80.83 Renewable oxygenate requirements.

(a) *Definition of renewable oxygenate.* For purposes of subparts D and F of this part, renewable oxygenate is defined as provided in this paragraph (a).

(1) In the case of oxygenate added to reformulated gasoline or RBOB that is not designated as VOC-controlled or that is not subject to the additional requirements associated with an extended non-commingling season pursuant to § 80.83(i), renewable oxygenate shall be:

(i) An oxygenate that is derived from non-fossil fuel feedstocks; or

(ii) An ether that is produced using an oxygenate that is derived from non-fossil fuel feedstocks.

(2) In the case of oxygenate added to reformulated gasoline or RBOB that is designated as VOC-controlled or that is subject to the additional requirements associated with an extended non-commingling season pursuant to § 80.83(i), renewable oxygenate shall be an ether that meets the requirements of paragraph (a)(1)(ii) or (a)(3) of this section.

(3) An oxygenate other than those ethers specified in paragraphs (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this section may be considered a renewable oxygenate if the Administrator approves a petition to that effect. The Administrator may approve such a petition if it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Administrator that the oxygenate does not cause volatility increases in gasoline that are non-linear in nature (i.e., a non-linear vapor pressure blending curve). The Administrator may approve a petition

subject to any appropriate conditions or limitations.

(4)(i) Oxygenate shall be renewable only if the refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender who uses the oxygenate is able to establish in the form of documentation that the oxygenate was produced from a non-fossil fuel feedstock.

(ii)(A) Any person who produces renewable oxygenate, as defined in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, or who stores, transports, transfers, or sells such renewable oxygenate, and where such renewable oxygenate is intended to be used in the production of gasoline, shall maintain documents that state the renewable source of the oxygenate, and shall supply to any transferee of the oxygenate documents which state the oxygenate is from a renewable source.

(B) Any person who imports oxygenate that is represented by the importer to be renewable oxygenate, as defined in paragraph (a) of this section, shall maintain documents, obtained from the person who produced the oxygenate, that include a certification signed by the owner or chief executive officer of the company that produced the oxygenate that states:

(1) The nature of the feedstock for the oxygenate; and

(2) A description of the manner in which the oxygenate meets the renewable definition under paragraph (a) of this section.

(iii) No person may represent any oxygenate as renewable unless the oxygenate meets the renewable definition under paragraph (a) of this section.

(5) For purposes of this section, an oxygenate shall be considered to be derived from non-fossil fuel feedstocks only if the oxygenate is:

(i) Derived from a source other than petroleum, coal, natural gas, or peat; or

(ii) Derived from a product:

(A) That was produced using petroleum, coal, natural gas, or peat through a substantial transformation of the fossil fuel;

(B) When the product was initially produced, it was not commonly used to generate energy (e.g. automobile tires); and