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§ 91.907 Disclaimer of production warranty applicability.

(a) The act of filing an Emission Defect Information Report is inconclusive as to the existence of a defect subject to the warranty provided by section 207(a) of the Act.

(b) A manufacturer may include on each page of its Emission Defect Information Report a disclaimer stating that the filing of a Defect Information Report pursuant to these regulations is not conclusive as to the applicability of the warranty provided by subpart M of this part.

Subpart K—Exclusion and Exemption of Marine SI Engines

§ 91.1001 Applicability.

The requirements of this subpart K are applicable to all marine spark-ignition propulsion engines subject to the provisions of subpart A of this part 91.

§ 91.1002 Definitions.

The definitions in subpart A of this part apply to this subpart. The following definitions also apply to this subpart:

Exemption means exemption from the prohibitions of § 91.1103.

Export exemption means an exemption granted under § 91.1104(b) for the purpose of exporting new marine SI engines.

National security exemption means an exemption which may be granted under § 91.1104(b) for the purpose of national security.

Manufacturer-owned marine engine means an uncertified marine SI engine owned and controlled by a marine SI engine manufacturer and used in a manner not involving lease or sale by itself or in a marine vessel or piece of equipment employed from year to year in the ordinary course of business for product development, production method assessment, or market promotion purposes.

Testing exemption means an exemption which may be granted under § 91.1104(b) for the purpose of research, investigations, studies, demonstrations or training, but not including national security.

§ 91.1003 Exclusions based on section 216(10) of the Act.

(a) For the purpose of determining the applicability of section 216(10) of the Act, any marine SI engine as that term is defined in subpart A of this part, is deemed a nonroad engine.

(b) EPA will maintain a list of models of marine SI engines, and the marine vessels which use such engines, that have been determined to be excluded because they are used solely for competition. This list will be available to the public and may be obtained by writing to the following address: Group Manager, Engine Compliance Programs Group, Engine Programs and Compliance Division (6403J), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

(c) Upon written request with supporting documentation, EPA will make written determinations as to whether certain engines are or are not marine SI engines. Engines that are determined not to be marine SI engines are excluded from regulations under this part but may be subject to regulations under another part.

§ 91.1004 Who may request an exemption.

(a) Any person may request a testing exemption under § 91.1005.

(b) Any marine SI engine manufacturer may request a national security exemption under § 91.1008.

(c) For marine SI engine manufacturers, marine SI engines for export purposes are exempt without application, subject to the provisions of § 91.1009.

(d) For eligible manufacturers, as determined by § 91.1006, manufacturer-owned marine SI engines are exempt without application, subject to the provisions of § 91.1006.

(e) For any person, display marine SI engines are exempt without application, subject to the provisions of § 91.1007.

§ 91.1005 Testing exemption.

(a) Any person requesting a testing exemption must demonstrate the following:

(1) That the proposed test program has a purpose which constitutes an appropriate basis for an exemption in accordance with § 91.1104(b);

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(2) That the proposed test program necessitates the granting of an exemption;

(3) That the proposed test program is reasonable in scope; and

(4) That the proposed test program exhibits a degree of control consonant with the purpose of the program and the EPA's monitoring requirements.

(5) Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this section describe what constitutes a sufficient demonstration for each of the four identified elements.

(b) With respect to the purpose of the proposed test program, an appropriate purpose would be research, investigations, studies, demonstrations, or training, but not national security. A concise statement of purpose is a required item of information.

(c) With respect to the necessity that an exemption be granted, necessity arises from an inability to achieve the stated purpose in a practicable manner without performing or causing to be performed one or more of the prohibited acts under §91.1103. In appropriate circumstances, time constraints may be a sufficient basis for necessity, but the cost of certification alone, in the absence of extraordinary circumstances, is not a basis for necessity.

(d) With respect to reasonableness, a test program must exhibit a duration of reasonable length and affect a reasonable number of engines. In this regard, required items of information include:

(1) An estimate of the program's duration.

(2) The maximum number of marine engines involved.

(e) With respect to control, the test program must incorporate procedures consistent with the purpose of the test and be capable of affording EPA monitoring capability. As a minimum, required items of information include:

(1) The technical nature of the test;

(2) The site of the test;

(3) The duration and accumulated engine operation associated with the test;

(4) The ownership arrangement with regard to the engines involved in the test;

(5) The intended final disposition of the engines;

(6) The manner in which the engine identification numbers will be identified, recorded, and made available; and

(7) The means or procedure whereby test results will be recorded.

(f) A manufacturer of new marine SI engines may request a testing exemption to cover marine SI engines intended for use in test programs planned or anticipated over the course of a subsequent one-year period. Unless otherwise required by the Manager, Engine Compliance Programs Group, a manufacturer requesting such an exemption need only furnish the information required by paragraphs (a)(1) and (d)(2) of this section along with a description of the recordkeeping and control procedures that will be employed to assure that the engines are used for purposes consistent with section 91.1104(b).

§91.1006 Manufacturer-owned exemption and precertification exemption.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, any manufacturer-owned marine SI engine, as defined by §91.1002, is exempt from compliance with §91.1103, without application, if the manufacturer complies with the following terms and conditions:

(1) The manufacturer must establish, maintain, and retain the following adequately organized and indexed information on each exempted engine:

(i) Engine identification number,

(ii) Use of the engine on exempt status and

(iii) Final disposition of any engine removed from exempt status.

(2) The manufacturer must provide right of entry and access to these records to EPA authorized representatives as outlined in §91.505.

(3) Unless the requirement is waived or an alternative procedure is approved by the Director, Engine Programs & Compliance Division, the manufacturer must permanently affix a label to each marine engine on exempt status. This label should:

(i) Be affixed in a readily visible portion of the engine,

(ii) Be attached in such a manner that it cannot be removed without destruction or defacement,

(iii) State in the English language/ and in block letters and numerals of a