

89. Section 1068.325 is amended by revising the introductory text to read as follows:

§ 1068.325 What are the temporary exemptions for imported engines?

If we approve a temporary exemption from the restrictions on importing an engine under § 1039.301(b), you may import it under the conditions in this section. We may ask the U.S. Customs Service to require a specific bond amount to make sure you comply with the requirements of this subpart. You may not sell or lease one of these engines while it is in the United States. You must eventually export the engine as we describe in this section unless you get a certificate of conformity for it or it qualifies for one of the permanent exemptions in § 1068.315. Section 1068.330 specifies an additional temporary exemption allowing you to import certain engines you intend to sell or lease.

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90. A new § 1068.340 is added to read as follows:

§ 1068.340 What special provisions apply to Independent Commercial Importers?

We generally consider engines to be new when they are imported into the United States, even if they have previously been used outside the country. See 40 CFR part 89, subpart G and 40 CFR 89.906(b) for special provisions allowing Independent Commercial Importers to show that such engines meet the requirements of the standard-setting part without the full certification process.

91. Section 1068.501 is amended by revising paragraphs (b), (c)(1), (e), (f), and (h), and adding paragraph (a)(7) to read as follows:

§ 1068.501 How do I report engine defects?

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(7) This section distinguishes between defects and possible defect. A possible defect occurs anytime there is an indication that an emission-related component might have a defect, as described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

(b) *Investigation of possible defects.* If the number of engines that have a possible defect, as defined by paragraph (b)(1) of this section, exceed the thresholds specified in paragraph (e) of this section, you must conduct an investigation to determine if an emission-related component is actually defective.

(1) You must track warranty claims, parts shipments, and the other information specified in paragraph

(b)(1)(iii) of this section. You must classify an engine component as having a possible defect if any of the following is true:

(i) A warranty claim is submitted for the component, whether this is under your emission-related warranty or any other warranty.

(ii) You ship a replacement component other than for normally scheduled maintenance during the useful life of the engine.

(iii) You receive any other information indicating the component may be defective, such as information from dealers or hot line complaints.

(2) Your investigation must be prompt, thorough, consider all relevant information, follow scientific and engineering principles, and be designed to obtain all the information specified in paragraph (d) of this section.

(3) Your investigation only needs to consider possible defects that occur within the useful life period, or within five years after the end of the model year, whichever is longer.

(4) You must continue your investigation until you are able to show that components are not defective or you obtain all the information specified for a defect report in paragraph (d) of this section. Send us an updated defect report anytime you have significant additional information.

(5) If a component with a possible defect is used in additional engine families or model years, you must investigate whether the component or part may be defective when used in these additional engine families or model years, and include these results in any defect report you send under paragraph (c) of this section.

(6) If your initial investigation concludes that the number of engines with a defect is fewer than the thresholds specified in paragraph (f) of this section, but other information later becomes available that may show that the number of engines with a defect exceeds these thresholds, then you must resume your investigation. If you resume an investigation, you must include the information from the earlier investigation to determine whether to send a defect report.

(c) * * *

(1) Your investigation shows that the number of engines with a defect exceeds the thresholds specified in paragraph (f) of this section. Send the defect report within 15 days after the date you identify this number of defective engines. See paragraph (h) of this section for reporting requirements that apply if the number of engines with a

defect does not exceed the thresholds in paragraph (f) of this section.

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(e) *Thresholds for conducting a defect investigation.* Unless the standard-setting part specifies otherwise, you must begin a defect investigation based on the following threshold values:

(1) For engine with rated power under 560 kW:

(i) When the component is a catalytic converter (or other aftertreatment device), for one of the following number of engines that may have the defect:

(A) For engine families with annual sales below 4,000 units: 20 or more engines.

(B) For engine families with annual sales between 4,000 and 100,000 units: more than 2 percent of the total number of engines in the engine family.

(C) For engine families with annual sales above 100,000 units: 2,000 or more engines.

(ii) When the emission-related component is anything but a catalytic converter (or other aftertreatment device), for one of the following number of engines that may have the defect:

(A) For engine families with annual sales below 4,000 units: 40 or more engines.

(B) For engine families with annual sales between 4,000 and 100,000 units: more than 4 percent of the total number of engines in the engine family.

(C) For engine families with annual sales above 100,000 units: 4,000 or more engines.

(2) For engine with rated power greater than or equal to 560 kW, if the number of engines in an engine family that may have the defect exceeds 1 percent of the total number of engines in the engine family or 5 engines, whichever is greater.

(f) *Thresholds for filing a defect report.* You must send a defect report based on the following threshold values:

(1) For engine with rated power under 560 kW:

(i) When the component is a catalytic converter (or other aftertreatment device), for one of the following number of engines that may have the defect:

(A) For engine families with annual sales below 4,000 units: 5 or more engines.

(B) For engine families with annual sales between 4,000 and 100,000 units: more than 0.125 percent of the total number of engines in the engine family.

(C) For engine families with annual sales above 100,000 units: 125 or more engines.

(ii) When the emission-related component is anything but a catalytic converter (or other aftertreatment