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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 3 June 2025, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

Title: Zero-Emission Forklift Regulation

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Description: The purpose of [this advisory](#) is to notify the public on California Air Resources Board's (CARB) implementation of the [Zero-Emission Forklift \(ZEF\) regulation](#), since CARB has not yet sought authorization from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for the Zero Emission Forklift (ZEF) regulation pursuant to section 209(e)(2)(A) of the Clean Air Act ([CAA](#)). Until U.S. EPA grants such authorization or determines authorization is not necessary, CARB staff will not enforce the ZEF regulation against any privately-owned or operated fleets nor against any manufacturers or dealerships. CARB will not enforce the ZEF regulation for acts or omissions by any party that occur prior to U.S. EPA authorization of the ZEF regulation. Because CARB is committed to reducing air pollution to protect public health, we encourage affected industries to continue reducing their emissions and we look forward to continued partnership in these efforts.

¹ This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained.

CARB staff encourages all manufacturers and fleets to voluntarily report in the meantime. Zero-Emission Forklifts (ZEFs) are already widely used and often provide fuel and maintenance cost savings compared to tradition spark-ignition forklifts.

The advisory notice contains information on how this directly affects private, state, and local government fleets. Additional information may be found on the ZEF Regulation page.

For questions regarding this Notice, please contact zeforklifts@arb.ca.gov.

For more information visit [CARB's Zero-Emission Forklifts webpage](#).

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