

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION

TITLE 13, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, DIVISION 2, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 2.5
AMEND SECTION 1157.18

Inhalation Hazards Routes - Map 7 (CHP-R-2019-06205)

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) proposes to amend regulations in Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations, Division 2, Chapter 6, Article 2.5, Section 1157.18, regarding designated routes for highway transportation of inhalation hazards by commercial vehicles in the Brawley-El Centro area.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Pursuant to Division 14.3, Transportation of Inhalation Hazards, commencing with Section 32100 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC), the CHP shall adopt regulations specifying highway routes to be used in the transportation of inhalation hazards by commercial vehicles. The CVC requires the CHP to keep information current in regulations, with maps clearly indicating designated routes and a list of locations for inspection stops, required inspection stops, and safe stopping places. The CHP's field commands conduct annual reviews of the inhalation hazards routes and stops to determine if changes are necessary. The proposed amendments will keep inhalation hazards routes consistent with the recently constructed Brawley Bypass and expanded State Route (SR) 78 and SR 111, and enhance public health and safety in the area. The proposed regulation amendments will also change a map label from an inspection stop to a required inspection stop for the newly upgraded In-Ko-Pah Brake Check and Truck Rest Area along Interstate 8 about 40 miles west of El Centro.

The proposed amendments have received concurrence from the CHP's Border Division, Brawley Fire Department, El Centro Fire Department, Westmorland Fire Department, Westmorland Police Department, Imperial County Fire Department, State Fire Marshal, and the California Department of Transportation.

This proposed regulatory action will continue to provide a nonmonetary benefit to the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of California's residents, workers, and environment. The changes to the application of the regulation are not substantive and bring the regulation in conformance with existing statute. The proposed changes update and clarify highway routes designated for carriers transporting inhalation hazards, and contribute to transportation safety and public health.

During the process of developing these regulations and amendments, the CHP has conducted a search of any similar regulations on this topic and has concluded that these regulations are neither inconsistent, nor incompatible, with existing federal and state regulations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any interested person may submit written comments on the proposed action via facsimile at (916) 322-3154, by electronic mail to cvsregulations@chp.ca.gov, or by writing to:

California Highway Patrol
Commercial Vehicle Section
Attention: Dr. Tian-Ting Shih
P.O. Box 942898
Sacramento, CA 94298-0001

Written comments must be received by February 24, 2020.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Section 32102(b) CVC requires the CHP to hold public hearings in each field operation Division of the Department in which are located proposed routes. Thus, the CHP will conduct a public hearing on the proposed regulation amendments at:

California Highway Patrol
Border Division
9330 Farnham Street
San Diego, CA 92123-1216

at 9:00 a.m. on March 6, 2020.

AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

The CHP has available for public review an initial statement of reasons for the proposed regulatory action, the information upon which this action is based, and the proposed regulation text in strikeout and underline format. Requests to review or receive copies of this information should be directed to the CHP either at the above address, by facsimile at (916) 322-3154, or by calling the CHP, Commercial Vehicle Section (CVS), at (916) 843-3400. All requests for information should include the following: the title of the rulemaking package, the requester's name, proper mailing address (including city, state, and zip code), and a daytime telephone number in case the information is incomplete or illegible.

The rulemaking file is available for inspection. Interested parties are advised to call CHP, CVS, for an appointment.

All documents regarding the proposed action are available through the CHP's Web site at <https://www.chp.ca.gov/News-Alerts/Regulatory-Actions>. Any person desiring to obtain a copy of the adopted text and a final statement of reasons may request them at the above-noted address. Copies will also be posted on the CHP Web site.

CONTACT PERSON

Any inquiries concerning the written materials pertaining to the proposed regulations or the substance of the proposed regulations should be directed to Dr. Tian-Ting Shih or Sergeant Adam Roha, at (916) 843-3400.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

After consideration of public comments, the CHP may adopt the proposal substantially as set forth without further notice. If the proposal is modified prior to adoption and the change is not solely grammatical or substantive in nature, the full text of the resulting regulation, with the changes clearly indicated, will be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date of adoption.

FISCAL IMPACT AND RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The CHP has made an initial determination that this proposed regulatory action: (1) will have no effect on housing costs; (2) will not impose any new mandate upon local agencies or school districts; (3) will involve no nondiscretionary cost or savings to any local agency, no cost to any local agency or school district for which Government Code (GC) Sections 17500-17630 require reimbursement, no cost or savings to any state agency, nor costs or savings in federal funding to the state; (4) will neither create nor eliminate jobs in the State of California, nor result in the elimination of existing businesses or create or expand businesses in the State of California; and (5) will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Benefits of the Proposed Action: The proposed regulation updating designated routes for carriers transporting inhalation hazards will continue to provide benefits, including the nonmonetary benefit of protecting public health and safety for residents, workers, and the environment by providing a regulatory basis for enforcement efforts as they relate to safety compliance ratings.

The regulated community is encouraged to respond during the comment period of this regulatory process if significant impacts are identified.

COST IMPACTS ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSONS OR BUSINESSES

The CHP is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

The CHP has determined that the proposed regulatory action will not affect small businesses. The action is intended to clarify and update the designated routes for commercial vehicles transporting inhalation hazards on highways. As a result, no small business will be affected by the update.

ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Section 11346.5(a)(13) GC, the CHP must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the CHP, or otherwise identified and brought to the attention of the CHP, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law. The CHP invites interested parties to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulations during the written comment period.

AUTHORITY

This regulatory action is being taken pursuant to Section 32102 CVC.

REFERENCE

This action implements, interprets, or makes specific Sections 32101, 32102, 32103, 32104, and 32105 CVC.