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# Refund of Diesel Fuel Tax Paid Available to Suppliers of Dyed Blended Biodiesel Removed from the Rack

Effective January 1, 2016, licensed diesel fuel suppliers may claim a refund or credit for the excise tax they paid on the biodiesel portion of dyed blended biodiesel fuel removed from a terminal rack by the same supplier. Suppliers must be able to show that they paid the excise tax on the biodiesel fuel portion of the blended biodiesel. For more information on the legislation creating the change to allow a refund of the diesel fuel tax, download Assembly Bill 1032 (Stats. 2015, Ch. 481) at <a href="https://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html">www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html</a>.

### What Changed?

Current Diesel Fuel Tax Law does not provide for reimbursement of the excise tax-paid portion of the biodiesel fuel removed from the rack as dyed blended biodiesel. Therefore, suppliers who blend tax-paid biodiesel fuel with ex-tax diesel fuel that is removed as a dyed blended biodiesel, are unable to recover the excise tax from the customer and unable to seek reimbursement for the tax from the Board of Equalization.

Effective January 1, 2016, Revenue and Taxation Code section 60501(b) will allow a supplier to claim a refund or credit for the excise tax that was paid on the biodiesel portion of dyed blended biodiesel fuel. Suppliers may file a claim for refund using BOE-101, Claim for Refund or Credit.

## How to Claim a Credit on Your Supplier Return

Instead of filing a refund claim, licensed diesel fuel suppliers may claim a credit on BOE-501-DD, *Supplier of Diesel Fuel Tax Return*, for tax-paid biodiesel blended with diesel fuel and removed as dyed blended biodiesel fuel. Suppliers may claim a credit only to the extent of the excise tax-paid biodiesel portion of the dyed blended biodiesel removed. For further information, see BOE-810-FTE, *Instructions for Preparing Motor Fuels Schedules*, or our Diesel Fuel Tax program webpage FAQs.

If you have any questions regarding dyed biodiesel fuel blends, you may contact the BOE through our website at <a href="https://www.boe.ca.gov/info/email.html">www.boe.ca.gov/info/email.html</a>. You can also call our Customer Service Center at 1-800-400-7115 (TTY:711). Customer service representatives are available to assist you weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., (Pacific time), except state holidays.