

2006 Manifest Amendments to the Health and Safety Code

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This document excerpts the Legislative Digest summary for Sections 25160 and 25205.15 of the Health and Safety Code that apply to hazardous waste manifests. The entire act is available at www.leginfo.ca.gov.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST EXCERPT

AB 1803, Committee on Budget Public resources.

(8) Existing law requires any person generating hazardous waste that is transported, or submitted for transportation, for offsite handling, treatment, storage, disposal, or any combination thereof, to complete a manifest prior to the time the waste is transported or offered for transportation and to submit the manifest to the Department of Toxic Substances Control. Existing law requires any person who transports hazardous waste in a vehicle to have a manifest in his or her possession. Existing law defines the term manifest for purposes of those provisions. A violation of the laws regulating hazardous waste is a crime. This bill would define the term "California Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest" as a manifest document printed by the State of California for a shipment initiated on and before September 4, 2006, or the Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest printed by a source registered with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a shipment initiated on or after September 5, 2006. The bill would specify the date for determining when a shipment is initiated and would make conforming changes with regard to the use of the Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest. The bill would impose a state-mandated local program by creating a new crime with regard to the use of a manifest.

STATUTORY EXCERPT FOR MANIFEST CHANGES

25160. (a) For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Manifest" means a shipping document originated and signed by a generator of hazardous waste that contains all of the information required by the department and that complies with all applicable federal and state regulations.

(2) "California Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest" means either of the following:

(A) A manifest document printed and supplied by the state for a shipment initiated on or before September 4, 2006.

(B) The Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest printed by a source registered with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a shipment initiated on or after September 5, 2006.

(3) For purposes of this section and Section 25205.15, a shipment is initiated on the date when the manifest is signed by the first transporter and the hazardous waste leaves the site where it is generated.

(b) (1) Except as provided in Section 25160.2 or as otherwise authorized by a variance issued by the department, any person generating hazardous waste that is transported, or submitted for transportation, for offsite handling, treatment, storage, disposal, or any combination thereof, shall complete a manifest prior to the time the waste is transported or offered for transportation, and shall designate on that manifest the facility to which the waste is to be shipped for the handling, treatment, storage, disposal, or combination thereof. The manifest shall be completed as required by the department. The generator shall provide the manifest to the person who will transport the hazardous waste, who is the driver, if the hazardous waste will be transported by vehicle, or the person designated by the railroad corporation or vessel operator, if the hazardous waste will be transported by rail or vessel.

(A) The generator shall use the standard California Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest supplied by the department for all shipments of hazardous waste initiated on and before September 4, 2006, for which a manifest is required, except as provided in paragraph (2).

(B) The generator shall use the Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest printed by a source registered with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for all shipments of hazardous waste initiated on and after September 5, 2006, for which a manifest is required.

(C) A manifest shall only be used for the purposes specified in this chapter, including, but not limited to, identifying materials that the person completing the manifest reasonably believes are hazardous waste.

(D) Within 30 days from the date of transport, or submission for transport, of hazardous waste, each generator of that hazardous waste shall submit to the department a legible copy of each manifest used. The copy submitted to the department shall contain the signatures of the generator and the transporter.

(E) In lieu of submitting a copy of each manifest used, a generator may submit an electronic report to the department meeting the requirements of Section 25160.3.

(2) Except as provided in Section 25160.2 or as otherwise authorized by a variance issued by the department, any person generating hazardous waste that is transported, or submitted for transportation, for offsite handling, treatment, storage, disposal, or any combination thereof, outside of the state, shall complete, whether or not the waste is determined to be hazardous by the importing country or state, a manifest in accordance with the following conditions:

(A) The generator shall use the standard California Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest or the manifest required by the receiving state for all shipments of hazardous waste initiated on and before September 4, 2006, for which a manifest is required.

(B) The generator shall use the Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest printed by a source registered with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for all shipments of hazardous waste initiated on and after September 5, 2006, for which a manifest is required.

(C) The generator shall submit a copy of the manifest specified in subparagraph (A) or (B), as applicable, to the department within 30 days from the date of the transport, or submission for transport, of the hazardous waste. In lieu of submitting a copy of each manifest used, a generator may submit an electronic report to the department meeting the requirements of Section 25160.3.

(3) Within 30 days from the date of transport, or submission for transport, of hazardous waste out of state, each generator of that hazardous waste shall submit to the department a legible copy of each manifest used. The copy submitted to the department shall contain the signatures of the generator, all transporters, excepting intermediate rail transporters, and the out-of-state facility operator. If within 35 days from the date of the initial shipment, or for exports by water to foreign countries 60 days after the initial shipment, the generator has not received a copy of the manifest signed by all transporters and the facility operator, the generator shall contact the owner or operator of the designated facility to determine the status of the hazardous waste and to request that the owner or operator immediately provide a signed copy of the manifest to the generator. Except as provided otherwise in paragraph (2) of subdivision (h) of Section 25123.3, if within 45 days from the date of the initial shipment or, for exports by water to foreign countries, 90 days from the date of the initial shipment, the generator has not received a copy of the signed manifest from the facility owner or operator, the generator shall submit an exception report to the department.

(4) For shipments of waste that do not require a manifest pursuant to Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the department, by regulation, may establish manifest requirements that differ from the requirements of this section. The requirements for an alternative form of manifest shall ensure that the hazardous waste is transported by a registered hazardous waste transporter, that the hazardous waste is tracked, and that human health and safety and the environment are protected.

(5) (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, except as provided in subparagraph (B), the generator copy of the manifest is not required to be submitted to the department for any waste transported in compliance with the consolidated manifest procedures in Section 25160.2 or when the transporter is operating pursuant to a variance issued by the department pursuant to Section 25143 authorizing the use of a consolidated manifest for waste not listed in Section 25160.2, if the generator, transporter, and facility are all identified as the same company on the hazardous waste manifest. If multiple identification numbers are used by a single company, all of the company's identification numbers shall be included in its annual transporter registration application, if those numbers will be used with the consolidated manifest procedure. Nothing in this paragraph affects the obligation of a facility operator to submit to the department a copy of a manifest pursuant to this section.

(B) If the waste subject to subparagraph (A) is transported out of state, the generator shall either ensure that the facility operator submits to the department a copy of the manifest or the generator shall submit a copy to the department that contains the signatures of the generator, all transporters, excepting intermediate rail transporters, and the out-of-state facility operator pursuant to paragraph (3).

(c) (1) The department shall determine the form and manner in which a manifest shall be completed and the information that the manifest shall contain. The information requested on the manifest shall serve as the data dictionary for purposes of the developing of an electronic reporting format pursuant to Section 71062 of the Public Resources Code. The form of each manifest and the information requested on each manifest shall be the same for all hazardous wastes, regardless of whether the hazardous wastes are also regulated pursuant to the federal act or by regulations adopted by the United States Department of Transportation. However, the form of the manifest and the information required shall be consistent with federal regulations.

(2) Pursuant to federal regulations, the department may require information on the manifest in addition to the information required by federal regulations.

(d) (1) Any person who transports hazardous waste in a vehicle shall have a manifest in his or her possession while transporting the hazardous waste. The manifest shall be shown upon demand to any representative of the department, any officer of the California Highway Patrol, any local health officer, any certified unified program agency, or any local public officer designated by the director. If the hazardous waste is transported by rail or vessel, the railroad corporation or vessel operator shall comply with Subchapter C (commencing with Section 171.1) of Chapter 1 of Subtitle B of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations and shall also enter on the shipping papers any information concerning the hazardous waste that the department may require.

(2) Any person who transports any waste, as defined by Section 25124, and who is provided with a manifest for that waste shall, while transporting that waste, comply with all requirements of this chapter, and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto, concerning the transportation of hazardous waste.

(3) Any person who transports hazardous waste shall transfer a copy of the manifest to the facility operator at the time of delivery, or to the person who will subsequently transport the hazardous waste in a vehicle. Any person who transports hazardous waste and then transfers custody of that hazardous waste to a person who will subsequently transport that waste by rail or vessel shall transfer a copy of the manifest to the person designated by the railroad corporation or vessel operator, as specified by Subchapter C (commencing with Section 171.1) of Chapter 1 of Subtitle B of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

(4) Any person transporting hazardous waste by motor vehicle, rail, or water shall certify to the department, at the time of initial registration and at the time of renewal of

that registration pursuant to this article, that the transporter is familiar with the requirements of this section, the department regulations, and federal laws and regulations governing the use of manifests.

(e) (1) Any facility operator in the state who receives hazardous waste for handling, treatment, storage, disposal, or any combination thereof, which was transported with a manifest pursuant to this section, shall submit a copy of the manifest to the department within 30 days from the date of receipt of the hazardous waste. The copy submitted to the department shall contain the signatures of the generator, all transporters, excepting intermediate rail transporters, and the facility operator. In instances in which the generator or transporter is not required by the generator's state or federal law to sign the manifest, the facility operator shall require the generator and all transporters, excepting intermediate rail transporters, to sign the manifest before receiving the waste at any facility in this state. In lieu of submitting a copy of each manifest used, a facility operator may submit an electronic report to the department meeting the requirements of Section 25160.3.

(2) Any treatment, storage, or disposal facility receiving hazardous waste generated outside this state may only accept the hazardous waste for treatment, storage, disposal, or any combination thereof, if the hazardous waste is accompanied by a completed standard California Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest.

(3) A facility operator may accept hazardous waste generated offsite that is not accompanied by a properly completed and signed standard California Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest if the facility operator meets both of the following conditions:

(A) The facility operator is authorized to accept the hazardous waste pursuant to a hazardous waste facilities permit or other grant of authorization from the department.

(B) The facility operator is in compliance with the regulations adopted by the department specifying the conditions and procedures applicable to the receipt of hazardous waste under these circumstances.

(4) This subdivision applies only to shipments of hazardous waste for which a manifest is required pursuant to this section and the regulations adopted pursuant to this section.

(f) A generator, transporter, or facility operator may comply with the requirements of Sections 66262.40, 66263.22, 66264.71, and 66265.71 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations by storing manifest information electronically. A generator, transporter, or facility operator who stores manifest information electronically shall use the standardized electronic format and protocol for the exchange of electronic data established by the Secretary for Environmental Protection pursuant to Part 2 (commencing with Section 71050) of Division 34 of the Public Resources Code and the stored information shall include all the information required to be retained by the department, including all signatures required by this section.

(g) The department shall make available for review, by any interested party, the department's plans for revising and enhancing its system for tracking hazardous waste for the purposes of protecting human health and the environment, enforcing laws, collecting revenue, and generating necessary reports.

25205.15. (a) Except for the first four manifests used in a calendar year by a business with less than 100 employees, and except as provided in paragraph (2), in addition to any fees to cover printing and distribution costs, the department shall impose a manifest fee of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) for each California Hazardous Waste Manifest form or electronic equivalent used after June 30, 1998, by any person, in the following manner:

(1) The department shall bill generators for each California Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest form, manifest number, or electronic equivalent used after June 30, 1998. The billing frequency specified by the department may range from monthly to annually, with the payment by the generator required within 30 days from the date of receipt of the billing, and shall be determined based on consultation with the regulated community. In preparing the bills, the department shall distinguish between manifests used solely for recycled hazardous wastes and those used for non-recycled hazardous wastes. In determining the billing frequency, the department may take into account each person's volume of manifest usage.

(2) (A) The manifest fee shall not be collected on the use of California Hazardous Waste Recycling Manifests that are used solely for hazardous wastes that are recycled.

(B) The manifest fee for each California Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest form used solely for hazardous waste derived from air compliance solvents, shall be three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50). This is in addition to any fees charged to cover printing and distribution costs.

(3) The department shall implement a system for the use of manifests that distinguishes among recycling manifests used solely for hazardous wastes that are to be recycled, manifests used solely to transport hazardous waste derived from air compliance solvents, and general manifests that may be used for transporting waste for any purpose.

(4) (A) If a person erroneously reports on a California Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest that the manifest is being used for the transport of hazardous wastes that are being shipped for recycling or for the transport of hazardous wastes derived from air compliance solvents rather than the transport of other types of hazardous waste, the person shall pay the seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) manifest fee and an additional error correction fee of twenty dollars (\$20) per manifest, as required pursuant to Section 25160.5.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) the department shall provide the manifest user with a reasonable opportunity to notify the department of any incorrect use of the recycling manifest, as described in subparagraph (A), and to provide the department

with the appropriate manifest fee payment without additional fines, penalties, or payment of the error correction fee.

(5) The department may adopt regulations to implement and administer the manifest fee system imposed pursuant to this subdivision.

(b) For purposes of subdivision (a), a California Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest means either of the following:

(1) A manifest document printed and supplied by the state for a shipment initiated on and before September 4, 2006.

(2) The Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest printed by a source registered with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a shipment initiated on and after September 5, 2006, if the manifest originates from a generator located in California, is received by the designated facility located in California where the manifest is signed and terminated, or is imported or exported through a point of entry or exit in California.

(c) On and after July 1, 1999, commencing with 1999-2000 fiscal year and annually thereafter, the department shall expend, upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act, not less than one million fifty thousand dollars (\$1,050,000) from the manifest fees, deposited in the Hazardous Waste Control Account, to establish a program to encourage hazardous waste generators to implement pollution prevention measures. The program shall be administered pursuant to administrative and expenditure criteria to be established by the Legislature.

(d) The manifest fees shall be deposited in the Hazardous Waste Control Account and be available for expenditure, upon appropriation by the Legislature.

(e) For purposes of this section, "air compliance solvent" means a solvent, including aqueous solutions, that are required or approved for use by regulations adopted by the State Air Resources Board, an air pollution control district, or an air quality management district, to meet air emission standards adopted by that board or district and, pursuant to those regulations, is required to be used instead of another solvent that was used and recycled prior to the adoption of those regulations.