



Commission Pulls Proposed Ban on Dirty Trucks

Board delays vote citing last-minute technical issues with proposed tariff

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The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners on Monday, October 29, pulled a staff proposal for a Clean Trucks Program tariff that would progressively ban the dirtiest diesel-powered trucks from calling at Port of Long Beach shipping terminals.

Explaining the delay, Commission President Mario Cordero noted inconsistencies between the proposed tariffs posted by the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. He added that he also wanted to allow the full commission to consider the landmark proposal. Harbor Commissioner Nick Sramek was absent from Monday's board meeting.

The staffs for the two ports had drafted consistent proposals for the clean trucks tariff last week. This weekend the Port of Los Angeles amended its proposed tariff, creating inconsistencies between the two ports. The Los Angeles Harbor Commission is scheduled to consider its Clean Trucks tariff at a November 1 meeting.

The two ports jointly adopted a Clean Air Action Plan last year to significantly improve air quality. The program to ban the dirtiest harbor drayage trucks is the most ambitious element of the Clean Air Action Plan.

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