The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (District) hereby gives notice that the Air Pollution Control Officer has made a preliminary decision to revise Table 1 (Exempt Compounds) of District Rule 2 (Definitions) in accordance with Section (b)(21) of the rule. Exempt compounds are organic compounds that have negligible or very low photochemical reactivity and therefore are not regulated as volatile organic compounds (VOC) by the District. Section (b)(21) provides that upon the decision of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to designate additional exempt compounds, the Air Pollution Control Officer may revise Table 1 of Rule 2 accordingly, after the specified legal requirements for public noticing are met.

Since the last District revision of Table 1, the EPA determined that two additional compounds – specifically, trans-1,3,3,3-tetrafluoropropene (HFO-1234ze) and trans-1-chloro-3,3,3-trifluoropropene (HFO-1233zd) – are negligibly photochemically reactive and thus are exempt compounds. Accordingly, the District now proposes to add these two compounds to the list of exempt compounds in Table 1 of Rule 2. These two compounds are used as aerosol propellants, degreasers, blowing agents and refrigerants.

The proposal is available for public review at the Air Pollution Control District, 10124 Old Grove Road, San Diego, CA 92131. It is also available on the District’s website at http://www.sdapcd.org/content/sdc/apcd/en/Rule_Development/Workshops.html. Written comments concerning the District’s proposed action may be submitted to the District at the same address for a period of 30 days, commencing on May 13, 2016, and ending on June 13, 2016.

Questions or comments regarding the proposed action may be directed to Angela M. Ortega at Angela.Ortega@sdcounty.ca.gov or (858) 586-2753.

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