Ignition Interlock Lab Certifications

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Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Devices (BAIIDs)

This memo supersedes the OLIN 2013-10 Recertification of BAIIDs With New Model Specifications memo. Pursuant to California Vehicle Code §13386(e) and California Code of Regulations §125.02 (a)(4), no model ignition interlock device (IID) shall be certified unless it meets the accuracy requirements and specifications provided in the guidelines adopted by the Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Model specifications are guidelines for the performance and uniform testing of BAIIDs and are listed in the Federal Register, Vol 78, No 89, pages 26849–26867 published on May 8, 2013. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) now requires BAIID manufacturers, who have not submitted laboratory certifications for their IID, to submit laboratory certifications by March 31, 2016, to be in compliance with BAIID specifications listed in the NHTSA guidelines. Manufacturers who have not complied by the March deadline date will be removed from the IID device list.

California Code of Regulations §125.02(a)(4) states, “A complete and true copy of data from an independent laboratory demonstrating that the device meets or exceeds the minimum federal standards pursuant to California Vehicle Code §13386(d).” The term “independent laboratory” includes laboratories that are properly equipped and staffed to conduct laboratory tests on IIDs to ensure they meet the accuracy requirements and specifications provided in Sections 1 and 2 of the model specifications for BAIIDs, as published in the Federal Register notice, Vol 78, No 89, pages 26849–26867.

Background

OLIN 2013-10 allowed IID manufacturers to self-certify their BAIIDs on a Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device Self Certification (OL 213) form and submit the form to the DMV Occupational Licensing Branch for each device on the IID device list.

References

California Vehicle Code §§13386 (a) and 13386 (d) and (e)
California Code of Regulations, Title 13, Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 2.55, §§125.00(a) and 125.02
Federal Register, Vol 78, No 89, pages 26849–26867

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