

State of California  
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER D-181  
Relating to Exemptions Under Section 27156  
of the Vehicle Code

MIDAS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION  
"NEW AFTERMARKET THREE-WAY AND THREE-WAY PLUS CATALYTIC CONVERTERS"

WHEREAS, Vehicle Code Section 27156 and Title 13 California Code of Regulations (hereafter "CCR") Section 2222(h), authorize the California Air Resources Board (ARB) and its Executive Officer to exempt new aftermarket catalytic converters from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156.

WHEREAS, Midas International Corporation has applied to the ARB for exemption from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156 for the three-way and three-way plus catalytic converters series 35000:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in the Executive Officer by Health and Safety Code Section 39515 and in the Chief, Mobile Source Division by Health and Safety Code Section 39516 and Executive Order G-45-5, the Air Resources Board finds that the above aftermarket catalytic converters comply with the California Vehicle Code Section 27156 and Title 13, California Code of Regulations, Section 2222(h).

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the above catalytic converters are exempt from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156 for installation on the approved application vehicles subject to the following conditions:

1. This exemption shall not apply to any catalytic converters advertised, offered for sale or sold with, or installed on, a motor vehicle prior to or concurrent with transfer to an ultimate purchaser.
2. No changes are permitted to the converters as described in the application for exemption. Any changes to the converters, applicable model year, or other factors addressed in this order must be evaluated and approved by the Air Resources Board prior to marketing in California.
3. Marketing of the converters using identification other than those shown in the exemption application or marketing of the converters for an application other than those listed in the application catalog shall be prohibited unless prior approval is obtained from the Air Resources Board. Exemption of these products shall not be construed as an exemption to sell, offer for sale, or advertise any component of the products as an individual device.

4. Any oral or written references to this Executive Order or its content by Midas International Corporation, its principals, agents, employees, distributors, dealers, or other representatives must include the disclaimer that the Executive Order or the exemption it provides is not an endorsement or approval of any emissions reduction claims for the catalytic converters and is only a finding that the converters are exempt from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156.

Violation of any of the above conditions shall be grounds for revocation of this order. The order may be revoked only after ten day written notice of intention to revoke it, during which period the holder of the order may request in writing a hearing to contest the proposed revocation. If a hearing is requested, it shall be held within ten days of receipt of the request, and the order may not be revoked until a determination is made, after the hearing, that grounds for revocation exist.

Executed at El Monte, California, this 23rd day of June, 1988.



K. D. Drachand, Chief  
Mobile Source Division