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§ 80.1129 Requirements for separating RINs from volumes of renewable fuel.

(a)(1) Separation of a RIN from a volume of renewable fuel means termination of the assignment of the RIN to a volume of renewable fuel.

(2) RINs that have been separated from volumes of renewable fuel become unassigned RINs subject to the provisions of §80.1128(b).

(b) A RIN that is assigned to a volume of renewable fuel is separated from that volume only under one of the following conditions:

(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (b)(6) and (b)(8) of this section, a party that is an obligated party according to §80.1106 must separate any RINs that have been assigned to a volume of renewable fuel if they own that volume.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(5) of this section, any party that owns a volume of renewable fuel must separate any RINs that have been assigned to that volume once the volume is blended with gasoline or diesel to produce a motor vehicle fuel. A party may separate up to 2.5 RINs per gallon of fuel that is blended.

(3) Any party that exports a volume of renewable fuel must separate any RINs that have been assigned to the exported volume.

(4) Any party that produces, imports, owns, sells or uses a volume of neat renewable fuel may separate any RINs that have been assigned to that volume of neat renewable fuel if the party designates the neat renewable fuel as motor vehicle fuel, and the neat renewable fuel is used as a motor vehicle fuel.

(5) RINs assigned to a volume of biodiesel (mono-alkyl ester) can only be separated from that volume pursuant to paragraph (b)(2) of this section if such biodiesel is blended into diesel fuel at a concentration of 80 volume percent biodiesel (mono-alkyl ester) or less.

(6) For RINs that an obligated party generates from renewable fuel that has not been blended into gasoline, the obligated party can only separate such RINs from volumes of renewable fuel if the number of gallon-RINs separated is less than or equal to its annual RVO.

(7) A producer or importer of cellulosic biomass ethanol or waste-derived ethanol can separate a portion of the RINs that it generates pursuant to §80.1126(e)(4).

(8) For a party that has received a small refinery exemption under §80.1141 or a small refiner exemption under §80.1142, and who is not otherwise an obligated party, during the period of time that the small refinery or small refiner exemption is in effect the party may only separate RINs that have been assigned to volumes of renewable fuel that the party blends into motor vehicle fuel in accordance with paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(c) The party responsible for separating a RIN from a volume of renewable fuel shall change the K code in the RIN from a value of 1 to a value of 2 prior to transferring the RIN to any other party.

(d) Upon and after separation of a RIN from its associated volume, product transfer documents used to transfer ownership of the volume must continue to meet the requirements of §80.1153(a)(5)(i).1

(e) Any obligated party that uses a renewable fuel in a boiler or heater must retire any RINs associated with that volume of renewable fuel and report the retired RINs in the applicable reports under §80.1152.