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State Tax Commission



Dyed Fuel Inspection

Per Idaho Code (IC) 49-676, effective January 1, 2021, the Idaho State Police (ISP) and Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), will perform a visual inspection and photograph samples of fuel from the main supply tank of qualifying vehicles for the presence of dye.

- Qualified vehicles are those that meet Idaho Code 49-123(2)(d) and (2)(e) definitions and are over 26,000lbs GVW.
- ITD Port of Entry Inspectors may inspect fuel and tanks during a routine fixed or roving port inspection
- ISP Troopers may inspect fuel and tanks as a secondary action during a traffic stop

Procedures

An Inspector will now, inspect our tank for dyed fuel.

- First a visual inspection will be done.
- If the fuel is obscured or the inspector detects the presence of dyed fuel, a cotton swab will be dipped into your tank.
- If the cotton swab produces evidence of dyed fuel, the test will be documented and a citation issued.

Penalties

A civil penalty will be assessed if:

1. You refuse to allow inspection; or
2. There is visible evidence of dye in the visual inspection.

The penalties are as follows:

1. \$250 for the first offense,
2. \$500 for the second offense, or
3. \$1,000 for a third and any subsequent offenses.

There is a \$1,000 penalty for refusing the inspection.

For more information

If you have questions pertaining to billing and penalties please contact Tax Commission at (800) 972-7660.

If you have further questions pertaining to testing, or testing locations please contact ISP at (208) 884-7220, or ITD at (208) 334-8427.

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