



ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) RECOGNITION ADVISORY

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Under Department Circular No. DC2023-05-0010 or the Guidelines on the Electric Vehicle (EV) Recognition and Adoption of EV Standard Classification on Road Transport for Incentive Eligibility Pursuant to the Electric Vehicle Industry Development Act (EVIDA), we would like to reiterate the need for all road transport vehicle manufacturers, assemblers, importers, and rebuilders (MARs) to comply with the requirements provided thereof. The DC harmonizes the types of EVs and provides easy identification of EVs among the NGAs and EV Industry.

As part of the continuing efforts to improve efficiency, starting **02 July 2025**, all application for EV recognition must be made through the Philippine Transport Vehicles Fuel Economy Labeling (VFELP) System accessible through <https://vfelp.doe.gov.ph/>. With this, email submissions for EV recognition will **no longer** be accepted.


Copy of DC2023-05-0010	List of recognized EVs:
	

Should you have any concerns with system access, you may coordinate with the Alternative Fuels and Energy Technology Division and Electric Vehicle Industry Management Division through doe.afetd@gmail.com and doe.afetd.vfelp@gmail.com or telephone no. (02) 8479-2900 local 209.

We look forward to your compliance.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for EV Recognition

1. What are the fees when applying for EV Recognition under the EUMB?

Under the Philippine Transport Vehicles Fuel Economy Labeling Program (VFELP), applicants are required to complete Company Registration, subject to a mandatory fee of Php 3,000.00 per company. This registration must be renewed every three (3) years, with the same renewal fee. Requirements for vehicle registration must be complied with under VFELP.

2. Who can file for the recognition of electric vehicle products/models?

All road transport vehicle manufacturers, assemblers, importers, and rebuilders (MARs) can file for the classification and recognition of road transport EVs.

3. Can we submit multiple applications for the same EV model to increase our chances of recognition?

No, the guidelines state that for duplicate submissions, the EUMB will process only the first submission within six (6) months for a particular EV type and its variants.

4. Does the EV Recognition only cover 4-wheel vehicles?

The recognition does not only cover 4-wheel vehicles. The document defines Electric Vehicle (EV) as a vehicle with at least one (1) electric drive for vehicle propulsion (Page 1). It further classifies EVs into:

1. Battery EVs (BEVs): EVs with an electrically propelled vehicle with only a traction battery as power source for vehicle propulsion (Page 2).
2. Hybrid-EVs (HEVs): EVs with both a rechargeable energy storage system and a fueled power source for propulsion (Page 2).
3. Light EVs (LEVs): EVs used in micromobility that provide alternative modes of transportation which include electric scooters, electric bicycles, electric personal transport, and other similar vehicles weighing less than fifty kilograms (50 kg) (Page 2).
4. Plug-in hybrid-EVs (PHEVs): HEVs with rechargeable energy storage system that can be charged from an external electric energy source (Page 2).

However, the document also states that the DOE shall issue a separate issuance for EVs concerning air and water vehicles, and other types of land vehicles (e.g., heavy equipment, etc.).



5. If we make minor changes to our EV model, like changing the color or adding a new feature, do we need to submit a new application for recognition?

The guidelines state that revisions of data and/or information can be filed by the road transport vehicle manufacturers, assemblers, importers, and rebuilders (MARs) through the official DOE platform. However, certain elements like EV Classification, Model Number/Code, Type of Transmission, Body type, Electric motor rating, Traction battery energy, and Charger connector cannot be revised. Requests for the revisions of the abovementioned data and/or information shall be accepted as a new EV Recognition application.

6. If we decide to stop marketing an EV model, can we remove it from the official EV listing/database immediately?

Yes, the guidelines state that recognized EVs that are not marketed for a period of ninety (90) calendar days must be removed through the official DOE platform.

7. Can we apply for recognition of an EV model that we plan to import but have not yet brought into the country?

Only marketed vehicles in the country shall be accepted from MARs who intend to apply for EV recognition shall send an application to the EUMB for every EV claimed for sale in the market.

8. If we have an EV model that's already recognized, but we want to introduce a new variant of it, do we need to submit a new application for recognition?

The document states that for duplicate submissions, the EUMB will process only the first submission within six (6) months for a particular EV type and its variants (Page 4). This suggests that if the new variant is considered a duplicate, it may not be processed within the period. In addition, if the new variant will have a different specification of: EV classification; model number/code; type of transmission; body type; electric motor rating; traction battery energy; and charger connector, it shall be considered as new EV recognition application.

9. If we're an EVCS operator, can we apply for recognition of an EV model that we plan to support at our charging stations, even if we're not the manufacturer or importer?

The DC applies to all MARs for the classification and recognition of road transport EVs (Page 1). It's recommended to consult with the respective MARs to ensure proper recognition of the target EVs.

10. If we decide to stop marketing an EV model, but then decide to reintroduce it to the market, do we need to submit a new application for recognition?

The guidelines state that recognized EVs that are not marketed for a period of ninety (90) calendar days will be removed from the list by MARs. A new application must be submitted for recognition.





11. Can we apply for recognition of an EV model that we've developed for a niche market, such as heavy-duty industrial vehicles or specialty vehicles?

The circular provides that the DOE shall issue a separate issuance for EVs concerning air and water vehicles, and other types of land vehicles (e.g., heavy equipment, etc.). This is considering that the guidelines only cover passenger vehicles.

12. If we're a corporation that both manufactures and imports EVs, can we apply for recognition of both our locally manufactured and imported models?

Yes, the guidelines do not restrict recognition whether the EV model is manufactured or imported.

13. If we have an EV model that's already recognized, but we want to change its name or branding, do we need to submit a new application for recognition?

Revisions of data and/or information can be filed by the MARs.

14. Aside from the submission of the Notice of Application for Recognition and Specification Form, are there other factors being considered for inclusion in the EV listing/database? Is recognition automatic upon submission of the prescribed documentary requirements?

In reference to Section 7 of the DC2023-05-0012, the recognition of an EV model is not automatic upon submission of the Notice of Application for Recognition and Specification Form. The technical specifications of the vehicle will be reviewed and evaluated based on the EV definitions set by the EVIDA. The application will be processed by Energy Utilization Management Bureau (EUMB) within twenty working days.

Upon recognition of applied EVs, the vehicles will be included in the official EV listing/database.

It is worth noting that incomplete applications or applications not conforming to Section 7.1 of the aforementioned guidelines will be returned. Also, revisions regarding data and/or information from submissions can be filed through the official online platform.

As for the other factors considered for inclusion in the EV listing/database, the guidelines mentioned that recognized EVs that are not marketed for a period of ninety (90) calendar days will be removed from the list by road transport vehicle MARs through the platform.

15. If a party has successfully applied for recognition of an EV model, can another party register the same at a later point in time? In cases where the importer and distributor are two different entities: Would either or both parties be able to avail of EVIDA incentives, as may be applicable to each?



Please note that the DC2023-05-0012 is applicable to all road transport vehicle manufacturers, assemblers, importers, and rebuilders (MARs) for the classification and recognition of road transport EVs. Thus, the application will only be accepted from MARs. In the event other MARs registered the same model/unit or will be tagged as duplicate submissions, the EUMB will process only the first submission within six (6) months for a particular EV type and its variants. Only one application for a specific EV will be accepted by the EUMB to avoid discrepancies in technical specifications in the EV recognized list.

For minor revisions, the EUMB must be informed for updating of the EV list. However, in reference to Section 7.7 of the DC, reapplication will be required in cases where data of EV recognized lists will be modified including any of the following: EV classification, model number/code, type of transmission, body type, electric motor rating, traction battery energy, and charger connector.

The guidelines do not restrict the availment of EVIDA incentives to importers or distributors handling DOE recognized EV. The grant of the EVIDA fiscal or non-fiscal incentives to organizations handling the recognized EV shall be governed by existing regulations set by relevant authorities set forth by the Department of Finance, Board of Investments, Tariff Commission, Land Transportation Office, and Local Government Units, among others.

16. Can a distributor apply for recognition and avail of the EVIDA incentives? If yes, will this require revision of data for submissions contemplated in Sec. 7.7 of the Circular assuming another party has originally filed the application?

In reference to Sections 2 and 7 of the DC2023-05-0012, it applies to all road transport vehicles only as applied by manufacturers, assemblers, importers, and rebuilders (MARs). Revisions shall be allowed as discussed above.