

WAC 44-10-031 Effect of request for arbitration filing. (1) A request for arbitration is deemed to have been received within the thirty month manufacturer mandatory arbitration participation period established in RCW 19.118.090(3), if it:

(a) Is received by the Office of the Attorney General within thirty months from the date of original delivery of the new motor vehicle to a consumer at retail; and

(b) Identifies the consumer and the new motor vehicle which is the subject of the requested arbitration.

(2) The thirty month manufacturer mandatory arbitration participation period is extended by the number of days during which a consumer's request for arbitration is under review by the attorney general.

(3) The thirty month manufacturer mandatory arbitration participation period is extended by the number of days during the period after a consumer's request for arbitration accepted by the Lemon Law administration for assignment to the arbitration board, through the date when:

(a) The attorney general or the board is notified by the consumer that the request for arbitration is withdrawn;

(b) The attorney general or the board is notified by the consumer that the dispute has been resolved;

(c) The consumer rejects the arbitration decision; or

(d) Compliance occurs with an arbitration award that was accepted by the consumer.

(4) If the attorney general finds that a request is not complete, the thirty month manufacturer mandatory arbitration participation period will resume three business days after the date the attorney general mails notice of incompleteness to the consumer or the day following delivery of email notice if requested by the consumer.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 19.118.080(2) and 19.118.061. WSR 10-01-069, § 44-10-031, filed 12/11/09, effective 1/11/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 19.118.080 (2) and (7), 19.118.061 and 1995 c 254 § 4. WSR 96-03-155, § 44-10-031, filed 1/24/96, effective 2/24/96.]