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New subsidies on truck replacement cover NES IV and natural gas trucks; +ve to Weichai

What is new? China's Ministry of Transport, National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and Ministry of Finance jointly announced on 18 Mar a circular regarding the policy on truck replacement [美于实施老田营运货车报废更新的通知]. Subsidies level in 2025 will be largely the same as that in 2024. Key changes include: (1) the scope of subsidies cover the scrapping of both NES III & IV trucks; (2) the purchase of all trucks (previously only diesel trucks) will be eligible for subsidies.

Our view: The new subsidy programme enhances our positive view on the HDT sales this year, as (1) the fleet size of NES IV HDT accounts for 30% of the total HDT, which is sizable, based on our estimates; and (2) most importantly, the scope of new purchase will include natural gas trucks this year, whereas only diesel trucks were included last year. We believe **Weichai Power (2338 HK / 000338 CH, BUY)** will be a key beneficiary given its dominating market share in natural gas HDT engine (>60%). Our **HOLD-rated Sinotruk (3808 HK)** will also benefit.

Comparison of truck replacement subsidies (2025 vs 2024)

Scope of subsidies			Type of subsidies	Amount of subsidies
2025	2024			(RMB 000/ truck)
1/1/2025-31/12/2025	31/7/2024-31/12/2024			
Scrapping of NES III or IV trucks	Scrapping of NES III or below diesel trucks	MDT	One to two years ahead of schedule	10
			Two to four years ahead of schedule	18
			More than four (included) years ahead of schedule	25
		HDT	One to two years ahead of schedule	12
			Two to four years ahead of schedule	35
			More than four (included) years ahead of schedule	45
Purchase of NES VI trucks	Purchase of NES VI diesel trucks	MDT		25
			Two-axle	40
		HDT	Three-axle	55
			Four or more axle	65
		MDT		35
Dunchas of any		HDT	Two-axle	70
Purchase of new	v energy trucks		Three-axle	85
			Four or more axle	95
Scrapping of NES III or IV trucks + Purchase of NES VI trucks	Scrapping of NES III or below diesel trucks + Purchase of NES VI diesel trucks	Scrapping subsidy + Purchasing subsidy		
Scrapping of NES III or IV trucks + Purchase of new energy trucks	Scrapping of NES III or below diesel trucks + Purchase of new energy trucks	Scrapping	subsidy + Purchasing subsidy	
Purchase of new energy refrigerated truck		New energ	gy refrigerated truck	35

Source: Ministry of Transport, CMBIGM

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