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The sources said the announcement could be made as soon as this Wednesday, and mark another increase in the rising tensions between the state of California and U.S. President Donald Trump's administration.

Trump administration's plan to freeze federal emission standards, a rollback of tightened standards created by the former Obama administration, could have led to two auto markets in the U.S., one subject to more restrictive California regulations and another linked to significantly less stringent federal standards.

One of the sources added that plans for the announcement are still being discussed and could change, and is likely to activate a long legal battle between the involved authorities.

"California will continue its advance toward a cleaner future. We're prepared to defend the standards that make that promise a reality," California Attorney General Xavier Becerra said in a statement.

Whereas Andrew Wheeler, the EPA's administrator told the National Automobile Dealers Association that they "will be moving forward with one national standard very soon." However, the agency did not respond to request for comment.

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