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INSPECTION STICKERS

Recently, some customers experienced a partially peeling safety inspection or emissions sticker on their vehicles. If a sticker is partially peeling, the sticker is still valid. There is no need for a customer to replace a safety inspection or emissions sticker that is partially peeling. However, if a customer chooses, they may ask their inspection station to reaffix or replace a partially peeling inspection sticker. An inspection station may charge for this service. Inspection stations that opt to charge for sticker replacements may charge no more than \$4 to replace a safety inspection sticker and no more than \$4.40 to replace an emissions inspection sticker. PennDOT worked with the product manufacturer to implement a new adhesive solution to address this issue. New inserts are being distributed to inspection stations late this month.

CARB CERTIFICATION REMINDER

This is a reminder that model year 2008 and newer, "new" passenger cars and light-duty trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 8,500 pounds or less that are titled in Pennsylvania must be certified by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) or be certified for sale in all 50 states. A "new" vehicle is a qualified vehicle, as listed above, with an odometer reading less than 7,500 miles.

There are two (2) ways for determining if a qualified vehicle is in compliance with the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program and CARB certification standards.

1. As with any new vehicle being titled for the first time, a Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin (MCO) or Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO) will accompany the application for title. The MCO/MSO will display a message similar to one of the following to indicate the vehicle is certified as meeting CARB standards:
 - ❖ 50 state emissions equipped vehicle may be sold and registered as a new vehicle in any state of the US
 - ❖ Certified for sale in all states of the USA
 - ❖ This vehicle certified according to federal EPA

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CARB CERTIFICATION REMINDER (CONTINUED)

and California ARB emission requirements for sale in any state within the US

- ❖ Certified for sale in California
- ❖ Certified for sale in all 50 states
- ❖ This vehicle is certified to meet emission requirements in all 50 states

Dealers, agents and PennDOT personnel are required to verify that the MCO/MSO includes a certification statement similar to one of the above. If not included on the MCO/MSO, the application for title must not be submitted for a person seeking title in Pennsylvania unless otherwise exempted as listed on Form MV-9, "Compliance or Exemption for the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicle Program." If an application is submitted without an MCO/MSO with a certification statement, PennDOT will reject the application back to the customer and deny issuance of a title.

2. When titling a "new" vehicle and an MCO/MSO is not available, such as when a qualified vehicle is resold using a Pennsylvania Certificate of Title or being titled in Pennsylvania for the first time using an out-of-state certificate of title, Form MV-9, "Compliance or Exemption for the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program," will be used and submitted with the application for title. The vehicle owner will be asked to check the block in Section C of Form MV-9 to self certify that they have visually checked the manufacturer's installed label under the hood of the vehicle and that it reflects a certification standards message similar to those listed above.

For access to the Form MV-9, "Compliance or Exemption for the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program," please visit PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services website at www.dmv.state.pa.us.

REPOSSESSION PAPERWORK REMINDER

This is a reminder when processing repossession paperwork for financial institutions, the financial institution's actual address must be listed. Agents may not use a "processing facility" address for the financial institution.

NEW YORK STATE FORM MV-907A REMINDER

This is a reminder that PennDOT does not accept the New York State Form MV-907A, "Salvage Certificate," for processing with applications for Pennsylvania Certificate of Title or a Pennsylvania Certificate of Salvage.

This form is prepared and issued by insurance companies based in New York when a vehicle is stolen, recovered or a total loss, and becomes a salvage certificate. This form is completed by hand, allowing the information to be easily altered or fraudulent information to be added. Since Pennsylvania cannot verify the information listed on the MV-907A and there is a lack of security for the information listed, the New York Form MV-907A is not acceptable.

TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION PLATE REMINDER

This is a reminder that temporary registration cards (pink copy of Forms MV-1, MV-4ST and MV-120) are valid for 90 days regardless if the metal registration plate expires within that time or prior to the transfer, provided the annual registration fee for the vehicle is included with the application. The only time the temporary metal registration plate would be valid for less than 90 days is if the registration sticker on the transferred plate expires before the 90 days and no registration renewal fee is submitted.

Additionally, there seems to be some confusion as to whether a passenger registration plate may be transferred to a truck. An "exchange transfer" allows for an applicant to transfer a passenger vehicle registration plate to a truck provided the correct increase fee is paid at the time of transfer. When the application is processed by PennDOT, a truck plate will be issued to the customer in exchange for their passenger vehicle registration plate. The passenger plate will then become a "dead tag" on our computer system.

Also, a truck registration plate may be transferred to a passenger vehicle. Once processed, the passenger vehicle registration plate will be issued and the truck plate will be listed as a "dead tag" on our computer system. When going from a higher class vehicle to a lower class vehicle, such as the truck to passenger vehicle, no refund of monies will be issued.

TRAILERS SOLD AT *LOWE'S, HOME DEPOT* OR *TRACTOR SUPPLY* REMINDER

This is a reminder that Pennsylvania *Lowe's, Home Depot* and *Tractor Supply* stores that have complied with the Pennsylvania Dealer Regulations and Requirements are registered as Pennsylvania dealers with a dealer identification number (DIN) beginning with 84. Please remember, the DIN for *Lowe's, Home Depot* and *Tractor Supply* must be listed on the Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin (MCO).

When a trailer is sold from *Lowe's, Home Depot* or *Tractor Supply*, the MCO must be properly assigned to the purchaser and the applicant must submit the assigned MCO, Form MV-1, "Application for Certificate of Title" and applicable fees.

Although these companies have an 84 DIN number that allows them to sell the trailers as complete trailers, it does not negate the requirement that an authorized representative of the company must personally appear in front of the authorized agent completing the title transfer. This must be done in order for the authorized agent to notarize the dealer's signature on the back of the MCO and to complete the title application for the purchaser. They must also provide documentation that gives them authority to sign on behalf of the company.

A company representative from *Lowe's, Home Depot* or *Tractor Supply* may not sign off as seller on the MCO and provide the document to the purchaser without appearing in person to an authorized PennDOT agent to complete the title application.

UPDATE ON VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS BEGINNING WITH "L"

This is a follow-up to the notification sent in the May 2009 "Driver and Vehicle Services Update Bulletin," 09-04, which required all title applications for any two- or three-wheeled motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, motor scooters or motorized pedal-cycles (MOPED) with a vehicle identification number (VIN) that begins with the letter "L" to be forwarded to the Special Services Unit for examination.

PennDOT has approved the following vehicles to be processed online and a temporary registration issued if requested:

- ❖ Zhejiang Lingyun Motorcycle Co. LTD vehicles identified with a VIN beginning with L1E. These applications may be processed online and temporary registration may be issued, if requested.
- ❖ Changzhou Kwangyang Motor Co. LTD (Kymco) vehicles identified with a VIN beginning with LC2. These applications may be processed online and temporary registration may be issued, if requested.

As MCOs for additional makes and models of vehicles are found to be in compliance with NHTSA filings, you will be notified via another bulletin.