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Imported Vehicle Inspection Procedures

The Vehicle Inspection Division has been receiving an increasing number of inquiries from Enhanced Vehicle Safety Inspection Stations regarding the performance of enhanced vehicle safety inspections for customers on imported vehicles manufactured more than 25 model years ago. This bulletin aims to provide clarity on the purpose of these enhanced inspections and the proper completion of Form MV-426B, "Application for Reconstructed, Specially Constructed, Collectible, Modified, Flood, Recovered Theft Vehicles and Street Rods."

An imported vehicle is any vehicle brought into the United States (U.S.) from a foreign country, including Canada. These vehicles may or may not meet the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act (and the policies and regulations adopted as a result of this Act) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Emission Standards. This also includes U.S. manufactured vehicles that are produced for export and subsequently imported.

Motor vehicles manufactured more than 25 model years ago that meet the import exemption requirements are subject to an Enhanced Vehicle Safety Inspection. The owner must complete Form MV-426B, "Application for Reconstructed, Specially Constructed, Collectible, Modified, Flood, Recovered Theft Vehicles and Street Rods," at an Enhanced Vehicle Safety Inspection Station. Vehicles manufactured less than 25 model years ago must meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) at the time of import and do not require an Enhanced Vehicle Safety Inspection.

Upon passing the enhanced inspection, these vehicles will be issued an "F" brand on the vehicle title, indicating that the vehicle was originally manufactured outside the country but has been brought into compliance or was already in compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) and environmental protection standards. Any modifications made to ensure the vehicle meets the requirements of the

Pennsylvania Vehicle Equipment and Inspection Regulations (Title 67 Pa. Code, Chapter 175) will also be issued an "M" Modified brand on the title.

The Enhanced Vehicle Safety Inspector or Certified Document Reviewer shall advise the customer to check box "L. Other" on the Form MV-426B, which requires them to provide a detailed explanation of how the vehicle is configured, constructed, and/or equipped. The customer must explain that the vehicle was imported, manufactured more than 25 model years ago, and whether any modifications were made to ensure compliance with Pennsylvania Vehicle Equipment and Inspection Regulations.

The Enhanced Vehicle Safety Inspector or Certified Document Reviewer shall mark the "modified" box under the "Certified Document Reviewer" section and write next to "Modified" the following "and/or 'F' brand. If the vehicle did not require any modifications and was already in compliance at the time of import, the inspector or document reviewer shall cross out the word "Modified" and write 'F' brand only.

If you have any questions, please reference Publication 645 Enhanced Vehicle Safety Inspection Self-Study Training and Reference Guide or contact the Special Services Unit at 717-705-6991.

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