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Revised Verification of Vehicle (REG 31) Form

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Effective: Immediately

New Information

The Verification of Vehicle (REG 31) form was revised (see Attachment A) and is available at **www.dmv.ca.gov**.

Effective January 1, 2018, only accept the REG 31 (REV. 9/2017) **unless** the REG 31 (REV. 2/2016) was completed on or before December 31, 2017.

NOTE: Vehicle verifications completed prior to December 31, 2017, on a REG 31 (REV. 2/2016) may be accepted provided the verification is submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) on or before March 31, 2018.

Changes to the REG 31

Front page:

- Vehicle Description—on the top right of the form, a box was added for off-highway vehicles (OHV) to indicate whether the emissions are complying or noncomplying.
- Section 6—Secondary Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)—the secondary VIN section was removed. 1970 and newer model year vehicles (except OHVs) must have two points of verification. The U.S. Federal Certification Label is the only acceptable secondary point of verification for 1970 and newer vehicles and serves two purposes: —As a secondary verification of the public VIN.
 - —To indicate the vehicle complies with U.S. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (US FMVSS).

NOTE: Only the California Highway Patrol (CHP) may search for an alternative VIN other than the U.S. Federal Certification Label. If the vehicle is street legal, but the applicant is applying for OHV registration, the vehicle must have U.S. Federal Certification and emission labels applicable to the street legal model year. The U.S. Federal Certification Label is not required on 1969 or older year model vehicles.

- Section 9—Emission Label Indicates—the section heading was updated to include "All vehicles—1968 and newer model years, except: motorcycles—1978 and newer model years, heavy duty original equipment manufacturer (OEM) diesel vehicles—1980 and newer model years, OHV—2003 and new model years."
- Emission Label Test Group or Engine Family Number—below Section 9 (next to Remarks) a box was added. An Emission Label Test Group or Engine Family Number is located on emission labels and must be collected for model year vehicles listed in Section 9.
 - —Test Group is most common for automobiles.
 - -Engine Family is most common for motorcycles and OHVs.
 - —Test Group and Engine Family may be shown on the label as Group, ENG, Family, or Emission Family.
 - —A motorcycle emission label may be on the frame or under the seat or box compartment.

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Changes to the REG 31, continued

NOTE: Do **not** indicate the evaporative (EVAP) or permeation (PERM) family numbers, which are also present on emission labels. Test Group and Engine Family Numbers will always have a decimal point (**EXAMPLE:** EFMXT03.73DP). EVAP and PERM family numbers will not have a decimal point (**EXAMPLE:** EFMXR0265NBV) (see Attachment B).

• **Remarks**—below Section 9, if a "See Remarks" box is checked on the REG 31, a remark must be entered in this section with enough information and detail for it to be understood. **EXAMPLE:** "document faded; unable to read VIN" versus only writing "VIN" with no other explanation.

Back page:

• Body Type Model (BTM) Codes—in the Commercial column of this section, "Cargo Cutaway" BTM was changed to "Box/Cargo Cutaway" BTM. A box truck, also known as a "cutaway," is a commercial vehicle that has a cab and fully enclosed separate rectangular-shaped box for storage/cargo with a rear-facing door for loading and unloading.

Additional Information

Control arms connect the vehicle's front suspension to the frame. Control arms are considered axles for vehicle verification purposes. For example, a regular four-wheel pickup will have control arms in the front and a straight axle in the rear, which makes it a two-axle vehicle.

Procedures

Order revised REG 31 (REV. 9/2017) forms using normal supply channels. Upon receipt of the revised REG 31 (REV. 9/2017) forms, recycle existing stock of prior versions following current procedures. A blanket shipment will not be sent.

Background

The REG 31 was revised to add fields and clarify important information.

References

Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual, Chapters 1 and 15

Attachments (2)

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IMPORTANT NOTES

Instructions - Refer to Vehicle Venifiers License Handbook (OL 301), available at dmv.ca.gov. Additional verification forms are available at dmv.ca.gov and at all DMV offices. The most current version of this form must be used.

Permitted verifications for vehicle verifiers: (1) Nonresident vehicles, (2) any vehicle or trailer, excluding used motorcycles, with supporting ownership documents for which there is no California (CA) record. The VIN must appear okay. The supporting ownership document must be a Certificate of Title. Manufacturer's Certificate or Statement of Origin (MCO/MSO). US Government Standard Form (SF) 97-1, or Registration Card. All other vehicle verifications or verifications with no supporting ownership document must be referred to the DMV or CHP for inspection.

Prohibited verifications for vehicle verifiers: (1) Vehicles whose US Federal Certification Label (Safety Label) disagrees with the VIN, or is illegible, damaged, tampered, attered, missing, never issued (e.g., direct import-grey market, etc.), or does not match the documents, (2) revived salvage or revived junk vehicles, (3) specially constructed (SPCNS) vehicles, (4) used motorcycles with an unavailable California record (last registered in CA, but record no longer appears on DMV's database), (5) vehicles with documents from a foreign country, (6) motorcycles with

VIIVModel Year - Pursuant to federal law, a 17-digit VIN that passes check-digit is required on all 1981 and newer model year motor vehicles, and all 1985 and newer model year trailers. The model year of 1980 and newer vehicles is encoded in the 10th digit of VIN.

Do NOT use the Federal Certification Label as the primary source for the VIN. All 1981 and newer model year vehicles with less than a 17-digit VIN must be referred to CHP for verification. When inspection of a VIN reveals evidence of tampering, alteration or obiliteration of the number, immediately notify the nearest DMV, Investigations Section.

Specially Constructed Vehicles (SPCNS) (CVC §580) - Enter "0000" for the model year; SPCNS vehicles are not manufactured vehicles and do not have a model year. Replica vehicles (such as a Cobra, Mustang, or Corvrete) built from a kit and assembled or built for private use and not for resale, must be registered as a SPCNS vehicle. If the kit vehicle was built by a licensed manufacturer (CVC §672) or remanufacture (CVC §507.8), the kit vehicle must be registered under the name of the manufacturer or remanufacturer, not the make of the vehicle it replicates. Trailers (except Horse) with Human Habitation (i.e., Fifth Wheel, Travel, and Toy Hauler) are Coach (CCH) or Camp (CMP). Fifth Wheel CCHs do not exceed 48' (576") (L) or 8 ½' (102") (W). All other CCHs do not exceed 40" (480") (L) or 8 ½' (102") (W). CMPs do not exceed 16" (192") (L) or 0.000 M (CMP) (CMP)

Motorhomes do not exceed 45' (540") (L) or 8 1/2' (102") (W)

Truck Tractors with living quarters are BTM "DS" or "TR", unless the living quarters permanently prevent the truck tractor from towing or drawing other vehicles (CCR §150.08).

Pickups (PKs) - The Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) is found on the US Federal Certification Label. NOTE: GVAR is Gross Vehicle Axle Rating, not GVWR. PKs under 11.499 GVWR have the following BTMs: 3C, 4C, PK, and SP. PKs over 11.499 GVWR are BTM "VA".

The following multi-designed vehicles are PKs: Cadillac Escala de EXT, Chevrolet Avalanche, Ford Explorer Sport Trac, Hummer H2 SUT, and Nissan Frontier (CCR §150.04).

Pickups-Mounted (CVC §§243, 362, 661) - To have BTM "PM", the pickup must have a permanently attached camper shell, canopy, or similar mounted structure, and provide facilities for human habitation or camping purposes.

Advise owner that removal of the structure will require commercial registration and weight fees to be due.

Motorcycles - Only a verification form completed by an authorized DMV employee is acceptable on an application for on-highway (street) motorcycle registration of any motor vehicle currently registered OHV or titled with type license "C2" (title only).

Used motorcycles (including motorcycles manufactured for on-highway use being registered off-highway [OHV]) with unavailable records, or documents from a foreign country must be inspected by CHP.

OHVs - A 2003 and newer model year OHV with a "3" or "C" in the eighth position of the VIN are non-complying OHVs (red sticker).

Any motorcycle or vehicle originally manufactured and registered for OHV use cannot be converted for on-highway use, unless it is manufactured for dual purposes.

Golf Carts (CVC §345) are motor vehicles designed to carry golf equipment, and carry no more than 2 persons, including the driver, and have at least 3 wheels in contact with the ground, and weigh no more than 1,300 lbs. unladen, and not exceed a speed of 15 MPH

MOTIVE POWER (FUEL) CODES

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BODY TYPE MODEL (BTM) CODES

