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New Information

When a Public Agency Authorization to Dispose of a Vehicle Valued at $500 or Less to a Scrap Iron Processor or Dismantler (REG 462) form completed by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is submitted, a Verification of Vehicle (REG 31) form is **not** required.

These vehicles may not be reconstructed or made operable unless the vehicle qualifies for Horseless Carriage or Historical Vehicle License Plates.

Procedures

When a peace officer or designated employee of a public agency submits a REG 462 form, the vehicle **must** be disposed of by a licensed dismantler or scrap iron processor only. A REG 31 is **not** required if a REG 462 is completed by CHP.

Continue to follow procedures in the *Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual* §18.105.

Background

Motor vehicles abandoned on any highway or public right-of-way that lack an engine, transmission, wheels, tires, doors, windshield, or any other part or equipment necessary to operate safely on the highways are a hazard to public health, safety, and welfare, and may be removed immediately upon discovery by a peace officer or designated employee of the state, county, or city. These vehicles may lack a public vehicle identification number (VIN) or engine number and require identification by CHP. A REG 462 completed by CHP that authorizes the disposition of a vehicle is acceptable in lieu of a REG 31.

Distribution

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References

California Vehicle Code §§22669, 22851.2, and 22851.3
Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual §18.105

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