

# Vehicle Industry News

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# Direct Import Vehicles Update

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### **New Information**

This memo provides updated information regarding direct import vehicles.

### **Direct Import Vehicles Update**

- All references for direct import vehicles indicating “1966 year-model or newer auto or commercial vehicles” should be “**1968** year-model or newer auto or commercial vehicles” in accordance with federal regulations.
- The **vehicle exemptions** listed on the *How To: Register a Vehicle Imported From Another Country (Direct Import)* (HTVR 9A) brochure and in the *Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures (VIRP) Manual*, Chapter 12, Nonresident Vehicles, **do not** apply to direct import vehicles.

### **Procedures**

When an application for direct import vehicles is submitted:

- **Do not** accept a Statement of Facts (REG 256F, REV. 8/2016) form or prior revisions.
- Inform the applicant the exemptions are not applicable to direct import vehicles.

### **Background**

The Air Resources Board (ARB) informed the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) of the correction to process direct import vehicles. The *VIRP Manual*, the HTVR 9A brochure, and the REG 256F will be revised to reflect the new information.

### **Distribution**

Notification that this memo is available online at [www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov) under Publications was made via California DMV’s Automated Email Alert System on June 2017.

### **Reference**

*Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual*, Chapter 12  
*How To: Register a Vehicle Imported From Another Country (Direct Import)* (HTVR 9A)  
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### **Contact**

Call the DMV Customer Communications Section at (916) 657-6560 for further clarification of this memo.