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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 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)
VIN 2014-14 Direct Import and California Noncertified Vehicles

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