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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 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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