Imported Vehicle Parts

Effective: Immediately

New Information
Customers must submit a Declaration Importation of Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Equipment Subject to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety, Bumper and Theft Prevention Standards (HS-7) form from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) when submitting a vehicle registration application that indicates vehicle parts were imported into the United States (U.S.) from another country. The HS-7 is available on the NHTSA website at http://icsw.nhtsa.gov/cars/rules/import/hs799short.pdf.

Procedures
Continue to follow procedures in the Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual, Chapter 7, for registering specially-constructed (SPCNS) vehicles. In addition, if vehicle parts are imported, the applicant must submit an HS-7.

Background
Vehicles and vehicle parts entering the United States must conform to U.S. safety standards or be brought into compliance. Vehicles and vehicle parts that do not conform to U.S. safety standards must be exported or destroyed.

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References
California Vehicle Code §§580 and 9153
Clean Air Act of 1968
Imported Vehicle Safety Compliance Act of 1988
Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act of 1972
Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966
Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual, Chapter 7

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