New Information
This memo provides corrected information for registering and titling vehicles imported from another country (direct import).

Corrected Exemptions for Direct Import and California Noncertified Vehicles (CNCV)
Direct import vehicles and CNCV are not manufactured to meet California emission standards and federal motor vehicle safety standards (FMVSS). To obtain California registration, these vehicles **must** meet U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards and the vehicle owners **must** qualify for one of the exemptions stated in the *Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual*, Chapter 12, Nonresident Vehicles.

To register a CNCV with less than 7,500 miles, or a new direct import vehicle less than two years old upon **date of purchase**, that is only equipped to meet federal emissions standards, the vehicle owner must certify to one of the exemptions on a Statement of Facts–New, Nonresident, or Imported Vehicle (REG 256F) form.

Procedures
Continue to follow current procedures in the *Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual*, Chapter 12, Nonresident Vehicles.

Background
Incorrect information regarding the exemptions for importing a vehicle from out of state or country was found on the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) website. The *Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual* and the *How To: Register a Vehicle Imported From Another Country (Direct Import) (HTVR 9A)* brochure will be updated to reflect the correct information.

Distribution
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References
*California Health and Safety Code* §43150–43156
*Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual*, Chapter 12
*How To: Register a Vehicle Imported From Another Country (Direct Import)* (HTVR 9A)

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