Junk and Salvage Vehicle Inspections

New Policy
The inspection fee for a revived junk or salvage vehicle application must be paid prior to the vehicle inspection/verification.

The Verification of Vehicle (REG 31) form or an additional verification of vehicle is not required when a California Highway Patrol (CHP) CHP Certificate Inspection (CHP 97C) form is submitted on a revived junk or salvage application.

Procedures

When a revived junk or salvage vehicle application is submitted for a vehicle last registered in California:
- A $50 junk and salvage vehicles inspection fee must be collected prior to vehicle inspection. (This fee should also be collected prior to inspection on out-of-state vehicle applications.)
- A REG 31 or additional verification is not required when a vehicle is referred to CHP or a CHP 97C is submitted.

Background
The VIRP Manual does not specify when the fee for the vehicle inspection/verification must be paid. In addition, the VIRP Manual states that a REG 31 or a CHP 97C is required for vehicle verification. The VIRP Manual will be updated to reflect the new policy.

Distribution
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Reference
Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual §19.045

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