Brake and Lamp Certificates

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Effective November 30, 2015, the following brake and lamp certificate revisions are acceptable:

- Certificate of Compliance-Brake Adjustment (B-91, REV. 4/99) and Certificate of Compliance-Lamp Adjustment (L-91, REV. 4/99) with any issue date. These forms are printed on dotted gray paper with “BA” (brake) and “LA” (lamp) prefixes in the certificate numbers (see Attachment A).

- Certificate of Adjustment-Brake Adjustment (B-91, REV. 11/08) and Certificate of Adjustment-Lamp Adjustment (L-91, REV. 11/08) issued before November 30, 2015. These forms are printed on plain white paper with “BC” (brake) and “LC” (lamp) prefixes in the certificate numbers (see Attachment B).

Procedures

Continue to follow current procedures in the Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual when reregistering vehicles declared junk, salvage, and registering specially constructed (SPCNS) vehicles.

Brake and lamp certificates REV. 11/08 presented with an issue date after November 29, 2015, will not be accepted. The technician must advise the customer the certificate is not valid and a new certificate is required.

Background

To ensure public safety, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) may refuse registration if a vehicle is mechanically unsafe or unfit to be operated or moved on California highways.

The Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) notified DMV that REV. 11/08 brake and lamp certificates are no longer valid with issue date November 30, 2015, and after.

BAR issued letters to brake and lamp station owners notifying them of the change (see Attachment C).

Distribution

Notification that this memo is available online, at www.dmv.ca.gov under Publications was made via California DMV’s Automated E-mail Alert System in December 2015.

References

California Vehicle Code §11519
Contact
Call the DMV Customer Communications Section, at (916) 657-6560 for further clarification of this memo. Upon request, this document can be produced in Braille or large print.

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Communication Programs Division

Attachments (3)
October 30, 2015

TO: Brake/Lamp Station Owners

RE: Brake/Lamp Certificates

Dear Station Owner(s),

This letter is to notify you that effective 30 days from the date of this letter, any brake/lamp certificates with the revision date of 11/08 and a certificate number with a prefix BC and LC will no longer be valid. Consequently, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will no longer accept these certificates.

New brake/lamp certificates have been printed with a revision date of 4/99 and a certificate number with a prefix of BA and LA (titles established in law). These new brake/lamp certificates will be the only certificates valid after 30 days of this letter and the only certificates accepted by DMV.

Please submit the enclosed brake/lamp certificate refund request form along with any remaining certificates in your possession as soon as possible. In addition, if you would like to order new certificates, include your new purchase order with fees on the enclosed purchase request form. Submit both forms to the address below:

Department of Consumer Affairs
1625 North Market Blvd., S100
Sacramento, CA 95834
Attention: Cashiering

The BAR would like to thank you for your understanding and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Frenchie Mayugba
Bureau of Automotive Repair
Licensing Unit

Enclosures: Brake/Lamp certificate refund request form
            Brake/Lamp Purchase request form