Government Surplus Vehicles

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New Information
Effectively immediately, all applications for vehicles sold by the U.S. government must be submitted for processing at:

Department of Motor Vehicles
Registration Suspense Processing Unit, MS D273
PO Box 942869
Sacramento, CA 94269-0001

Procedures

Background
The United States Government Certificate to Obtain Title to a Vehicle (SF 97-1) is issued when vehicles are sold by the U.S. government. The SF 97-1 does not indicate prior history information.

When a California record exists, the application is suspended to the appropriate Registration Processing Unit for processing.

If a California record does not exist, the application is processed and cleared as an original. Further research may be required to determine whether these vehicles were previously titled out of state or have a prior history with critical branding 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 in November 2016.

Reference
Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual §7.015

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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