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TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors and Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Farmers' Cooperatives and Marketing Associations Registration Exemption

PURPOSE

To provide information and guidance regarding registration exemption and issuance of farm trailer license plates for certain farm trailers and semitrailers owned by farmers' cooperative societies (co-ops) or marketing associations.

DETAILS

Effective May 28, 2015, House Bill (HB) 75 amends Transportation Code, Section 502.146, to exempt farmers' co-ops under Chapter 51, Agriculture Code, or marketing associations under Chapter 52, Agriculture Code, from registration for certain farm trailers and semitrailers owned by the co-op.

The farm trailer license plate fee of \$5.00 would apply. However, proof of the Texas Agricultural and Timber Exemption Registration Number (Ag/Timber Number) issued by the comptroller's office is not required.

This change only applies to farm trailers and semitrailers and does not apply to farm trucks or farm truck-tractors.

COUNTY ACTION

When farmers' co-ops or marketing associations apply for or renew farm trailer license plates, process the transactions without requiring proof of the Ag/Timber Number. The person acting on behalf of the cooperative to receive a farm trailer license plate must certify they are a member on the *Application for Farm Trailer/Semitrailer, Farm Truck, or Farm Truck Tractor License Plates*, **Form VTR-52-A**. The revised form will be available on the department's website at a future date.

Renewal of all farm license plates in RTS may only take place in person at the county tax assessor-collector's office or by mail. These transactions may not be processed through a remittance machine interacting with WebSub. Customers attempting to renew online or at a subcontractor location will be directed to your office. The texas.gov and WebSub error messages stating the requirements for the Ag/Timber number will be updated at a future date.

Texas Administrative Code, Rule 217.33, *Commercial Farm Motor Vehicles, Farm Trailers, and Farm Semitrailers*, will be amended at a future date and the *Registration Manual* will be updated with the next revision in September.

CONTACT

If you have any questions, please contact your local TxDMV Regional Service Center.

Sincerely,

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