One and the Same Statements

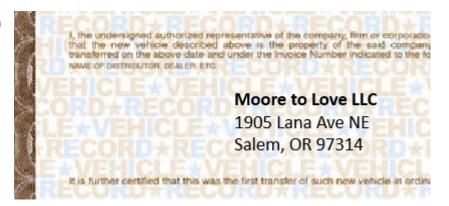
If a single owner is listed by two different names in a title or registration transaction, DMV requires a statement that both names refer to the same owner. This is a one-and-the-same statement.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

One-and-the-same statement requirements are not changing. DMV had been archiving previously submitted statements but can no longer sustain that practice. Beginning August 1st, 2025, transactions will not be accepted without a one-and-the-same statement when required.

EXAMPLE:

Here is the company name on the front of the Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin (MCO).



On the back of the MCO, the company that released interest has a similar name, but the two names are different.



DMV requires one of the following:

- A one-and-the-same statement between Moore to Love LLC and More to Like LLC as well as a single release of interest from the business under one of the two names; or
- A release of interest from Moore to Love LLC as owner.

DOES THE STATEMENT NEED TO BE AN ORIGINAL?

A one-and-the-same statement must contain an original (wet) signature. If the statement or the signature on the statement is a copy, a certification that the statement is a true copy of the original is required. The certification must contain a wet signature.

If your paperwork includes businesses that commonly release interest under multiple names or variations of their business name, you may wish to consider keeping a one-and-the-same statement with a wet signature on file in your office. When you are preparing title and registration paperwork where the statement is needed, make a photocopy of the original statement and add a certification that the copy is a true and original copy. The certification that the photocopy is true and original must contain a wet signature.

ONE-AND-THE-SAME STATEMENT VS RELEASE OF INTEREST

If there are multiple owners listed on a transaction, a release of interest will be needed from each owner.

EXAMPLE:

There are two owners listed on the front of the MCO.

Even though these two businesses have the same address, they are distinct parties on the title.

> Owner #1: Purdy Neat Autos Inc Owner #2: Moore than Likely LLC



If the two parties listed are truly one-and-the-same business, you may provide a single release of interest for both parties and include a one-and-the-same statement.

If they are two separate businesses, DMV will require a release of interest from each party.

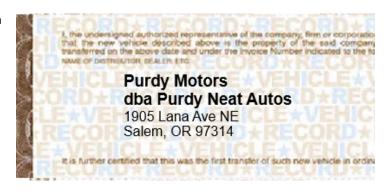
Note: DMV will not assume a "doing business as" (DBA) relationship between two parties listed on an MCO unless clearly indicated as seen in the following example.

EXAMPLE:

There are two parties listed on the MCO with a DBA relationship clearly indicated.

Parent Company: Purdy Motors
Doing Business As: Purdy Neat Autos

DMV must receive a release of interest from the parent company listed on the MCO, or a one-and-the-same statement indicating that the two parties are the same business.



In this example, a single release from the parent company, Purdy Motors, will release interest for both parties listed. Parent companies may sign for DBAs, but DBAs may not sign for parent companies.