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Registration and Title Bulletin # 011-16 Policy and Procedure

TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors and Licensed Motor Vehicle Dealers

SUBJECT: **Elimination of *Recreational Off-Highway or All-Terrain Vehicle Used for Farming or Lawn Care* (Form VTR-329) and *Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Statement of Ownership* (Form VTR-330)**

PURPOSE

To advise you about the elimination of the *Recreational Off-Highway or All-Terrain Vehicle Used for Farming or Lawn-Care* (Form VTR-329) and the *Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Statement of Ownership* (Form VTR-330).

DETAILS

Form VTR-329 is used with recreational off-highway vehicles (ROV) and all-terrain vehicles (ATV) claiming an exemption from title requirements when the ROV or ATV is not designed primarily for farming or lawn care, but used primarily for those purposes. Purchasers certify the vehicle's use on Form VTR-329, exempting the purchaser from having to title the ROV or ATV. Currently, the selling dealer is required to retain the original, and the purchaser is provided with a copy of the completed form.

Form VTR-330 is used by licensed dealers with ROVs that were in a dealer's inventory prior to September 1, 2009, when the ROV does not have a manufacturer's certificate of origin. As of September 1, 2009, a statutory change required that all new ROVs be sold on a manufacturer's certificate of origin and subsequently be titled.

Upon review of Form VTR-329, it was determined there are no exemptions to title requirements for ROVs or ATVs in current statute. Additionally, upon review of Form VTR-330, it was determined this form is obsolete. As a result of these determinations, both of these forms are being eliminated effective immediately.

Vehicles appearing to meet the definition of ROV or ATV that are designed by the manufacturer primarily for farming or lawn care are not considered ROVs or ATVs and continue to not be eligible for Texas title.

COUNTY ACTION

When presented with Form VTR-329 (completed prior to the publication of this Registration and Title Bulletin) by an original purchaser who subsequently wishes to title the ROV or ATV, the Delinquent Transfer Penalty would not apply. If this situation occurs after the 30th day from the date of sale, the Registration and Title System will calculate a Delinquent Transfer Penalty. The penalty should be manually changed to reflect no charge and will require a supervisor override.

In the case of a subsequent purchaser, the Delinquent Transfer Penalty would apply only after the 30-day transfer period has passed from the date of the subsequent purchase since there is an actual change in ownership.

In the event a dealer has an ROV that was in their inventory prior to September 1, 2009, the dealer may submit a separate statement of fact explaining the circumstances, include a statement on the bill of sale stating that the vehicle was in the dealer's inventory prior to September 1, 2009, or use an existing version of Form VTR-330.

CONTACT

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

Sincerely,



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