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## Registration and Title Bulletin # 014-17 Policy and Procedure

**TO:** Insurance Companies and Salvage Pool Operators

**SUBJECT:** Temporary Application Process for Vehicles Impacted by Hurricane Harvey

### PURPOSE

To provide insurance companies with a temporary application process for a Nonrepairable Vehicle Title or Certificate of Authority to Dispose of a Motor Vehicle to a Demolisher in accordance with the governor's waiver of certain provisions of Section 501.0925, Transportation Code related to nonrepairable vehicles.

### DETAILS

In an effort to streamline the processing of nonrepairable vehicles, we are providing the *Insurance Company Application and Statement of Fact for Hurricane Harvey Impacted Vehicles* (Form VTR-441-HRV). This form is a joint application and statement of fact that replaces the *Insurance Company Statement of Fact* (Form VTR-331-INS) and *Application for Salvage or Nonrepairable Vehicle Title* (Form VTR-441) for vehicles impacted by Hurricane Harvey. The 30-day waiting period and requirement for two written notices are temporarily suspended. **This form is only valid for claims paid on or before December 31, 2017.**

This process is only available to insurance companies that acquired ownership or possession of a motor vehicle through payment of a claim as a result of Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath when the owner of the motor vehicle does not (or cannot) surrender the certificate of title or when the certificate of title was not properly assigned.

The attached form is only acceptable in conjunction with an application for a Texas Nonrepairable Vehicle Title or a Certificate of Authority to Dispose of a Motor Vehicle to a Demolisher; it is not acceptable with an application for a regular Texas Certificate of Title or a Salvage Vehicle Title.

Note: The waiver does not apply to Salvage Pool Operators. Vehicles that fall under the permitted use of the *Salvage Pool Operator Statement of Fact* (Form VTR-331-SPO) must continue to comply with the requirements noted on that form and the current process.

### INSURANCE COMPANY ACTION

Any time following payment of a claim, a completed Form VTR-441-HRV, proof of a paid claim, and the applicable fee may be submitted to the department. Please ensure all fields on the Form VTR-441-HRV are completed.

### CONTACT

If you have any questions, please contact the Vehicle Titles and Registration Division at (512) 465-5659, option 1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeremiah Kuntz".

Jeremiah Kuntz, Director  
Vehicle Titles and Registration Division

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Attachment