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**Registration and Title Bulletin # 005-18
Policy and Procedure**

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

SUBJECT: Titling in the Name of a Manufacturer

PURPOSE

To clarify titling requirements for motor vehicles to be titled in the name of a manufacturer.

DETAILS

A new motor vehicle is a motor vehicle that has not been subject to a first sale and is required to be transferred on a Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin (MCO). A first sale is the transfer of interest in a motor vehicle that has never been titled or registered and the registration or titling of that vehicle. A new motor vehicle must be subject to a first sale before a Texas title can be issued. New motor vehicles sold in Texas must be sold by a licensed franchise dealer.

Manufacturers are only eligible to obtain a Texas title in their name for a new motor vehicle they have manufactured after the motor vehicle is subject to a first sale by a licensed franchise dealer. This means a manufacturer may only title a new motor vehicle on an MCO into their own name if the motor vehicle is assigned to them by a licensed franchise dealer.

Alternatively, an out of state title in the name of, or assigned to, a manufacturer is acceptable ownership evidence to support an application in the name of a manufacturer.

COUNTY ACTION

Do not process a title application if the motor vehicle is being transferred on an MCO directly into a manufacturer's name unless a licensed franchised dealer of the same line make sells it.

CONTACT

If you have any questions, please contact your local Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Regional Service Center.

Sincerely,

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

Jeremiah Kuntz, Director
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