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BULLETIN

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To: CADA, CIADA, Lenders, and Division of Banking

From: Victoria Krupke, Title Services Manager

CC: Maren Rubino, Operations Director
Auto Industry Division

Re: National Motor Vehicle Title Information System

The Anti-Car Theft Act of 1992 required the Department of Justice (DOJ) to establish an information system intended to enable states and others to access automobile titling information. As part of the Anti-Car Theft Act, the DOJ was authorized to designate a third party to operate the system. Since 1992 the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) has acted in the capacity of the operator of the system. The requirements of the Anti-Car Theft Act of 1992 were amended with the Anti-Car Theft Improvements Act of 1996 and renamed the automobile titling system the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS). The purpose of NMVTIS is to protect states, individuals and commercial consumers from fraud.

Effective January 1, 2010 all states are required to come into compliance with Federal Law 28 CFR Part 25 and the following requirements must be implemented for participation in NMVTIS:

- In electronic format, at a frequency of once every 24 hours, titling information for all automobiles maintained by the state must be submitted to NMVTIS. The titling information provided to NMVTIS must include:
 - Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).
 - Any description of the automobile included on the certificate of title (including any and all brands associated with such vehicle).
 - The name of the individual or entity to whom the certificate was issued.
 - Information from junk or salvage yard operators or insurance carriers regarding the acquisition of junk automobiles or salvage automobiles, if this information is being collected by the state.

- For an automobile known to be titled in a particular state, the odometer mileage disclosure required under 49 U.S.C. 32705 for that automobile on the date the certificate of title for that automobile was issued and any later mileage information, if noted by the state.
- With the approval of the operator and the state, the titling information provided to NMVTIS may include any other information included on the certificates of title and any other information the state maintains in relation to these titles.
- Establish a practice of performing a title verification check through NMVTIS before issuing a certificate of title to an individual or entity claiming to have purchased an automobile from an individual or entity in another state or in cases of title transfers. The title verification check will consist of:
 - Communicating to NMVTIS the VIN of the automobile for which the certificate of title is sought.
 - Provide NMVTIS an opportunity to communicate to the participating state the results of a search of the information and using the results to determine the validity and status of a document purporting to be a certification of title, to determine whether the automobile has been a junk or salvage vehicle or has been reported as such, to compare and verify the odometer information presented with that reported in the system, and to determine the validity of other information presented (e.g., lien-holder status, etc.).

In order to comply with this Federal requirement, the following changes will be made to CSTARS effective January 1, 2010;

- The ability to print an over the counter title will be **disabled** for all surrendered out-of-state titles. These will all be printed at the state.

We anticipate an increased delay in processing, verifying and printing titles for out of state surrendered titles.

Please contact the Title Section at 303-205-5608 for additional information.