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June 5, 2001

Registration and Title Bulletin # 061-01

TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

SUBJECT: Foreign Evidence Requirement Update

PURPOSE:

To inform you of progress made to aid in the prevention of trafficking stolen vehicles into Texas.

DETAILS:

Registration and Title Bulletin #39-00 advised you of an additional requirement for all title applications supported by foreign evidence of ownership. Effective August 1, 2000, such transactions were to be accompanied by the completed Inspection Report at the bottom of the *Application for Assigned or Reassigned Number*, Form 68-A. This Inspection Report is required to be completed by trained auto theft investigators of law enforcement agencies or the National Insurance Crime Bureau Vehicle Theft Investigators.

To date, approximately 2,000 title transactions supported by foreign evidence have been processed by county tax offices. This new procedure has resulted in the recovery of one stolen vehicle. The process has stopped the attempts to title stolen foreign vehicles in Texas. Consequently, the Form 68-A will continue to be required with title transactions supported by foreign evidence of ownership.

CONTACT(S):

As always, we appreciate your continued cooperation in our efforts to share information regarding Texas title and registration issues. Any questions or comments regarding this subject matter should be directed to your local Vehicle Titles and Registration Division Regional Office. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Jerry L. Dike, Director
Vehicle Titles and
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cc: All Law Enforcement Agencies
Texas Department of Public Safety
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May 9, 2000

Registration and Title Bulletin # 39-00

TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

SUBJECT: Foreign Evidence Requirement - Application for Assigned or Reassigned Number, VTR 68-A

PURPOSE:

To provide new directions for title applications supported by foreign evidence by adding requirements for use of the *Application for Assigned or Reassigned Number*, Form VTR-68-A. These procedural changes are being made to aid in the prevention of trafficking stolen vehicles into Texas.

DETAILS:

Registration and Title Bulletin #5-00 advised you of revisions to the Form VTR-68-A, and to ensure uniformity, advised the inspection process would only be performed by trained Auto Theft Investigators of law enforcement agencies or the National Insurance Crime Bureau Vehicle Theft Investigators.

This bulletin is to advise you that the Inspection Report on the bottom of the Form 68-A must be completed by the appropriate law enforcement agency and accompany any title documentation supported by foreign evidence. These procedural changes are in addition to the statutory requirements for a completed Identification Certificate, Form VI-30-A. These restrictions should significantly reduce the number of fraudulently titled or registered vehicles. Section 501.030 of the Title Manual has been revised accordingly and is attached for your reference.


COUNTY ACTION:

In addition to current evidence of ownership requirements for vehicles from foreign countries, we request that your offices require appropriate law enforcement completion of the bottom portion of the *Application for Assigned or Reassigned Number*, Form VTR-68-A. This requirement for all title applications supported by foreign evidence will become effective on and after August 1, 2000.

CONTACT(S):

As always, we appreciate your continued cooperation in our efforts to share information regarding Texas title and registration issues. Any questions or comments regarding this transmittal should be directed to your local Vehicle Titles and Registration Division Regional Office. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,


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