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DRIVER AND MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES DIVISION

FILING CAPTION: Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Inspections

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RULE SUMMARY: This rule establishes the processes for VIN inspections, including who can perform inspections. DMV amended the rule to authorize owners of Park Model Recreational Vehicles (PMRV) to inspect the owner’s PMRV’s VIN. DMV amended language regarding the placement of a VIN affixed to a vehicle by DMV to conform to DMV practices.

CHANGES TO RULE:
735-022-0070
Inspection of Vehicle Identification Numbers

DMV adopts the following procedures relating to the inspection of the vehicle identification number (VIN) of a vehicle under ORS 803.212:

1. DMV may designate a state agency, certified vehicle dealer or a law enforcement agency to act as an agent of DMV to perform VIN inspections under ORS 803.212. A state agency or law enforcement agency that wishes to be designated to perform VIN inspections must enter into a VIN inspection agreement with DMV.

2. For purposes of this rule, "except when a park model recreational vehicle (PMRV) is sold to an applicant for title by a certified vehicle dealer, DMV authorizes the applicant applying for a title to a PMRV, as defined in OAR 735-022-0140, to inspect the VIN of the PMRV for which the applicant is applying to title. For purposes of VIN inspection, the applicant must:
   a. Provide a photograph, or allow the DMV representative to view a readable image on the applicant’s electronic device, of the VIN inspected;
   b. Submit a completed Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Inspection Form, Form 735-11; and
   c. Pay the VIN inspection fee listed in ORS 803.215.

3. The following definitions apply to terms in this rule:
   a. "Agent" means a state agency, certified vehicle dealer or law enforcement agency designated by DMV to conduct VIN inspections on behalf of DMV.
   b. " Applicant" means an individual or business listed as a lessee or registered owner of a PMRV on the title.
application.

(4) DMV may authorize a law enforcement agency to perform VIN inspections on any vehicle in the agency's custody.

(45) DMV, in its discretion, may limit the type of VIN inspections an agent may perform.

(56) Only DMV, the Oregon State Police (OSP) or other Oregon law enforcement agency acting as an agent of DMV, may perform a VIN inspection on a vehicle located in Oregon if:

(a) The vehicle is assembled;
(b) The vehicle is reconstructed;
(c) The vehicle is a replica;
(d) DMV has received notice that the vehicle has been or will be wrecked, dismantled, disassembled or substantially altered under ORS 819.010 or 822.133;
(e) The vehicle is from another jurisdiction and documents presented show the vehicle has been damaged (i.e., salvage bills of sale, salvage title, etc.);
(f) The vehicle is imported and the original manufacturer did not certify that it complies with federal vehicle standards as described in OAR 735-022-0080; or
(g) The vehicle has been reported to DMV as a totaled vehicle. This does not apply to a vehicle reported totaled due to theft and later recovered in a condition that no longer meets the definition of “totaled vehicle” under ORS 801.527.

(67) DMV may designate any person or agency to perform VIN inspections on vehicles in other jurisdictions, including:

(a) A law enforcement agency or entity with administrative or regulatory authority for vehicles within the jurisdiction;
(b) For vehicles owned by U.S. armed services personnel, the owner's commanding officer, Provost Marshal or other person in authority as authorized by DMV; or
(c) Anyone designated by DMV under a written agreement.

(78) The inspection fee established under ORS 803.215 is required for inspections performed under ORS 803.210. The fee does not apply to inspections performed outside Oregon.

(89) If a vehicle does not have a VIN, DMV will assign one and affix it to the vehicle. When a VIN is assigned, the title record will indicate the VIN assigned by DMV.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 184.616, 184.619, 802.010, 803.212
Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 803.212