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# Driver and Vehicle Services Update

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## SPECIAL EDITION

### PENNSYLVANIA CLEAN VEHICLES PROGRAM (NEW STANDARDS FOR TITLING MODEL YEAR 2008 AND NEWER VEHICLES)

The Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program was created by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to reduce harmful air pollution. To aid implementation of the program, the Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is amending existing titling procedures for certain vehicles.

Beginning with model year 2008, "new" passenger cars and light-duty trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 8,500 pounds or less that are sold or leased and titled in Pennsylvania must be certified by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) or be certified for sale in all 50 states. For this program, a "new" vehicle is a qualified vehicle with an odometer reading less than 7,500 miles.

It is expected that model year 2008 vehicles could be introduced by some manufacturers in early calendar year 2007. As such, DEP and PennDOT have worked with the automobile manufacturers, dealers and other interested business partners to finalize procedures for complying with these new requirements. DEP is focusing on its outreach with the manufacturers and dealers on what they can offer for sale and how to certify that the vehicles are compliant. PennDOT's role is to ensure paperwork procedures for title and registrations include these certifications of compliance or that the vehicle owner qualifies for an exemption to the requirements. In all cases, DEP will use information obtained during PennDOT's title and registration process to oversee and audit, as needed, certain vehicle title transactions to determine compliance to the program.

#### QUALIFIED VEHICLES

Model year 2008 and newer passenger cars and light-duty trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 8,500 pounds or less and with an odometer reading of less than 7,500 miles are considered qualified vehicles for this program.

#### COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

There are two (2) ways for determining if a qualified vehicle is in compliance with the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program and CARB certification standards.

1. As with any new vehicle being titled for the first time, a Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin (MCO) or Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO) will accompany the application for title. The MCO/MSO will display a message similar to one of the following to indicate that the vehicle is certified as meeting CARB standards:
  - ❖ 50 state emissions equipped vehicle may be sold and registered as new vehicle in any state of the US
  - ❖ Certified for sale in all states of the USA
  - ❖ This vehicle certified according to federal EPA and California ARB emission requirements for sale in any state within the US

- ❖ Certified for sale in California
- ❖ Certified for sale in all 50 states
- ❖ This vehicle is certified to meet emission requirements in all 50 states

Dealers, agents and PennDOT personnel are required to verify that the MCO/MSO includes a certification statement similar to one of the above. If not included on the MCO/MSO, the application for title must not be submitted for a person seeking title in Pennsylvania unless otherwise exempted (see EXEMPTIONS below). If an application is submitted without an MCO/MSO with a certification statement, PennDOT will reject the application back to the customer and deny issuance of a title.

2. When titling a "new" vehicle and an MCO/MSO is not available, such as when a qualified vehicle is resold, Form MV-9, Compliance or Exemption for the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program, will be used and submitted with the application for title. The vehicle owner will be asked to check the block in Section C of the MV-9 form self certifying that they have visually checked the manufacturer's installed label under the hood of the vehicle and that it reflects a certification standards message similar to those listed above.

## EXEMPTIONS

The Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program offers a few exemptions from CARB certification standards. These exemptions are listed on Form MV-9, Compliance or Exemption for the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program and require the vehicle owner to check the appropriate box in Section D to self certify the reason for the exemption. The exemptions are as follows:

- ❖ This is an emergency vehicle
- ❖ This vehicle is being transferred for use exclusively off-highway
- ❖ This vehicle was granted a National security or testing exemption under Section 203(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.A. Section 7522 (b)(1))
- ❖ This vehicle was acquired for the purpose of replacing a vehicle which was damaged, or became inoperative, beyond reasonable repair or was stolen while out of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the replacement vehicle was acquired out of this Commonwealth at the time the previously owned vehicle was damaged, became inoperative or was stolen. The vehicle identification number of the vehicle that was replaced was \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ This vehicle was transferred by inheritance or court decree
- ❖ This vehicle was titled and registered while the owner was a resident of another state and the owner is moving to Pennsylvania

## FORM MV-9

For access to the Form MV-9, Compliance or Exemption for the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program, please visit PennDOT's Web site at [www.dmv.state.pa.us](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us).

## PENNSYLVANIA CLEAN VEHICLES PROGRAM

For further information about the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program, visit the DEP's Web site at <http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/airwaste/aq/cars/cleanvehicles.htm>.

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**COMPLIANCE OR EXEMPTION  
 FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA CLEAN  
 VEHICLES PROGRAM  
 (Self Certification Form)**

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This self certification form is to be used with an Application for Certificate of Title for every model year 2008 or newer passenger vehicle or light duty truck with a gross vehicle weight rating of 8,500 pounds or less in situations where:

1. The vehicle meets the certification requirements of the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program however a Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin is not available. Complete Section C, in addition to Sections A, B, and E.
2. The vehicle is exempt from the certification requirements of the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program. Complete Section D, in addition to Sections A, B and E.

<b>A VEHICLE INFORMATION</b>		
Vehicle Identification Number	Year	Make
Gross Vehicle Weight Rating	Odometer reading (Exclude tenths) _____	

<b>B VEHICLE OWNER INFORMATION</b>			
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	
Co-owner Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	
Current Street Address	City	State	Zip Code

<b>C COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> I certify that this vehicle is a model year 2008 or newer, with a gross vehicle weight rating of 8,500 pounds or less, with less than 7,500 miles on the odometer and complies with U.S.E.P.A. and California emission control regulations. There is evidence of this by a manufacturer's installed label under the hood of the vehicle.

<b>D EXEMPTION CERTIFICATION</b>
I certify that this vehicle is a model year 2008 or newer vehicle, with a gross vehicle weight rating of 8,500 pounds or less, with less than 7,500 miles on the odometer and is exempt from Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program certification compliance because:
<input type="checkbox"/> This is an emergency vehicle.
<input type="checkbox"/> This vehicle is being transferred for use exclusively off-highway.
<input type="checkbox"/> This vehicle was granted a national security or testing exemption under Section 203(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.A. Section 7522(b)(1)).
<input type="checkbox"/> This vehicle was acquired for the purpose of replacing a vehicle which was damaged, or became inoperative, beyond reasonable repair or was stolen while out of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the replacement vehicle was acquired out of this Commonwealth at the time the previously owned vehicle was damaged, became inoperative or was stolen. The vehicle identification number of the vehicle that was replaced was _____.
<input type="checkbox"/> This vehicle was transferred by inheritance or court decree.
<input type="checkbox"/> This vehicle was titled and registered while the owner was a resident of another state and the owner is moving to Pennsylvania.

<b>E SIGNATURE</b>
The signature below hereby certifies under penalty of law that the information contained herein is true and correct. <b>WARNING:</b> Falsification to authorities is a misdemeanor of the third degree punishable by a fine up to \$2,500 and/or imprisonment up to 1 year (18 PA C.S. Section 4904 (b))
_____ Signature
_____ Date

**Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program  
Frequently Asked Questions**

- Q May I title a model year 2008 or newer vehicle that has over 7,500 miles on the odometer if it is not CARB certified?**
- A Yes
- Q Do I need to complete a Form MV-9 if I title a model year 2008 or newer vehicle with over 7,500 miles on the odometer?**
- A No
- Q What role does the dealer or agent have in verifying that the vehicle is qualified to be titled?**
- A Obviously a Pennsylvania new car dealer should only be selling qualified model year 2008 and newer CARB certified vehicles to persons wanting to title the vehicle in Pennsylvania. The MCO/MSO for that vehicle should include the required certification language and the dealer should verify that it is there. An agent processing new title work has that same responsibility to verify the MCO/MSO. A dealer or agent processing title work for a vehicle where the MCO/MSO is not present should advise the customer of the need to verify the label under the hood or to determine if the new vehicle owner qualifies for an exemption. In both cases, the new vehicle owner should complete the applicable section of Form MV-9 indicating compliance or an exemption.
- Q What does the certification language on the MCO/MSO say that indicates it is a CARB certified vehicle?**
- A The certification language will vary by vehicle manufacturer; however, some examples include "Certified for sale in California"; "This vehicle is certified to meet emission requirements in all 50 states"; "Certified for sale in all 50 states"; etc.
- Q Where is the certification message written on the MCO/MSO?**
- A Unfortunately, there is no standard location where the message is printed. It should however be fairly easy to recognize and locate.
- Q Who is responsible for certifying compliance or an exemption when the Form MV-9 is used?**
- A The Form MV-9 is a self certification form to be signed by the new owner of the qualified vehicle.
- Q Am I, as a dealer or agent, expected to verify that the vehicle is CARB certified if an MCO/MSO is not available and the Form MV-9 is used?**
- A It is the new owner of a qualified vehicle who needs to verify this information by checking the label under the hood of the vehicle. That individual will then self certify this information on the Form MV-9. We would hope that dealers and agents would assist customers with this whenever possible. Again, a Pennsylvania new car dealer should only be selling qualified model year 2008 and newer CARB certified vehicles to persons wanting to title the vehicle in Pennsylvania.
- Q Is it the dealer or agent's responsibility to instruct a customer when a Form MV-9 is required?**
- A Yes
- Q Does a motorcycle, motor home, or commercial truck require this certification?**
- A The certification standards do not pertain to motorcycles or motor homes. As for commercial trucks, unless they have a GVWR of 8,500 pounds or less, they are not included in the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program.

- Q Does a model year 2008 or newer vehicle, with a GVWR of 8,500 pounds or less and with under 7,500 miles on it that is being transferred between two parties need to be certified as meeting CARB standards?**
- A If titling in Pennsylvania, the vehicle would need to be certified as meeting these standards. Since an MCO/MSO is not available and the title does not have the certification language on it, the new vehicle owner will need to check under the hood for a label certifying the vehicle as meeting the standards. The dealer or agent helping with the paperwork to transfer the vehicle should provide the new owner with the Form MV-9 to complete and certify compliance in Section C.
- Q Will dealers and agents who participate in the On-Line Registration Program be permitted to process these applications on-line?**
- A Yes.
- Q Will PennDOT add information on the Pennsylvania title to indicate a vehicle titled in Pennsylvania is CARB certified?**
- A No; however, we will consider it as a requirement as we move forward with the development of our new computer system.