Title Procedure - Identification Of Motor Vehicles Returned To The Manufacturer Because Of Nonconformity To Warranty

(1) The term “Department” as used in this regulation shall mean the Department of Revenue of the State of Alabama.

(2) Section 8-20A-4, Code of Ala. 1975, requires the legend THIS VEHICLE WAS RETURNED TO THE MANUFACTURER BECAUSE IT DID NOT CONFORM TO ITS WARRANTY” be placed on certificates of title issued to the manufacturer due to reasons outlined in the Code. This legend shall be continued on all successive certificates of title.

(3) A specific procedure is needed for motor vehicle manufacturers to follow in obtaining such title certificates.

(4) Therefore, vehicles based in Alabama and required to be registered in this state which are conveyed back to a manufacturer under provisions of Section 8-20A-1/6, Code of Ala. 1975 (commonly known as the Lemon Law), shall require the manufacturer to make application for certificate of title in their name to the Department. The manufacturer may either complete a MVT 51A application (which they may obtain from the Department) and forward to the Department with the required supporting documents, or make application through a designated agent of the Department. The manufacturer is not required to provide an in state address when titling a “lemon” vehicle pursuant to the Code. Upon approval of these documents, a new Alabama certificate of title will be issued reflecting the legend (brand) required by state law.

(5) Supporting Documents:

(a) Properly assigned certificate of title.

(b) Affidavit stating that vehicle is being titled in name of manufacturer pursuant to the provisions of Section 8-20A-1/6, Code of Ala. 1975, as amended.

(c) Power of attorney if applicable.

(d) Fee (see schedule of Fees and Commissions).

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