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NOTICE TO AUCTION HOUSES CONCERNING THE USE OF DEALER PLATES

To Auction Houses:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:21-15.11 (a), licensees selling or leasing fewer than four vehicles permanently registered in New Jersey through a retail sale or lease in their first 12 months of operation or any 12-month period thereafter are not authorized to obtain or retain dealer or leasing dealer plates. In addition, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:21-15.11 (e), no dealer or leasing dealer will obtain more plates than allowed as follows:

1. Used motor vehicle dealers or leasing dealers selling and/or leasing four to 30 vehicles registered in New Jersey per license year are eligible for no more than one set of five plates.
2. Used motor vehicle dealers or leasing dealers selling and/or leasing 31 to 60 vehicles registered in New Jersey per license year are eligible for no more than two sets of five plates.
3. Used motor vehicle dealers or leasing dealers selling and/or leasing more than 60 vehicles registered in New Jersey per license year are eligible for one additional set of five plates for every additional 30 vehicles sold/leased and permanently registered in New Jersey per license year.

The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) will be reviewing the records of all holders of dealer plates in order to determine if they continue to qualify for the privilege of using these plates. Those that do not will be required to surrender them.

For those wholesale auction houses that currently hold dealer plates, the MVC is making available, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:3-18, auction plates. These plates are authorized to be used by:

“Any person, partnership or corporation engaged in the business of conducting a wholesale automobile auction block in this State for duly licensed dealers only, at least once each week, may, with regard to vehicles controlled by it, obtain general registration and registration plates therefor of the style and kind provided for in this subtitle, with the word “temporary” stated thereon. Such plates can be placed on any vehicle controlled by the auction block, which is to be transported from the place where stored by the owner to the auction block. Such plates may not be displayed on a vehicle sold at the auction block for delivery to the purchaser.”

Auction plates will be exchanged for dealer plates currently held by any qualified auction house that does not conduct retail sales. The plates will be issued in one set of five for every 200 vehicles sold per week. The maximum number of plates issued to any wholesale auction house will be fifty. In order to obtain these plates, the auction house will have to provide its average weekly sales volume figures for the prior 12 months. The fee for the auction plates is the same as the dealer plates.

If an auction house has retail sales, they will not qualify for auction plates and the number of dealer plates that they will be allowed to hold will be calculated according to N.J.A.C. 13:21-15.11 (e).

The MVC’s Business License Services bureau will be in contact with you regarding dealer plates currently registered to you.

If you have any questions, please contact the Business License Service bureau at (609) 292-6500 x-5014.

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