

Office of the Secretary of State of Illinois

MEMORANDUM

TO: Facility Personnel

FROM: Ernie Dannenberger, Director
Vehicle Services Department

RE: FT Fertilizer Trailer Changes

DATE: April 15, 2010

Due to a reinterpretation of the rules and regulations regarding FT registration for "Nurse Tank" Fertilizer trailers, a change in processing requirements has been made.

Nurse tank fertilizer trailers are no longer required to be titled upon registration. They clearly fall into the definition of an implement of husbandry as defined in 625 ILCS 5/1-130. This exempts them from having to be titled under 625 ILCS 5/3-102. This does NOT exempt them from being registered, for 625 ILCS 5/3-809 (a) clearly states that a nurse tank must be registered with a Farm Fertilizer Trailer plate for a fee of \$13 for a two year registration period expiring in an odd numbered year.

The registration for this type of unit is for the carriage or trailer assembly that holds the actual nurse tank. Any registration sold to this type of unit is sold solely to the trailer and NOT the tank and any identification numbers coming off of the tank portion cannot be used to identify the trailer.

Many of these trailer/carriage assemblies do not have a manufacturer's identification number that is visible due to rust, being sandblasted off, or worn off by chemical reaction. Should a visual inspection by the applicant reveal that no identification number can be found, or that there is no title document to verify a number with, they may apply for an identification number to be issued by this office for registration purposes only. A specific application/affirmation form is to be used for this purpose.

Since titling is no longer required on these units, if a title has been issued and the applicant wishes to re-title the unit, they may at their option. The fee for any title transaction will be \$95.00. If no title exists, and they apply for an identification number issued by this office, no title work will be processed using that identification number. The issued number will be used strictly for identification purposes concerning the registration of the unit and never for titling.

Also, out of state applicants that formerly received "dual registration" in Illinois to comply with our laws while operating in state, will no longer be able to purchase registration for IL. Federal rules prevent vehicles of this type crossing state lines even if they have no registration requirements in their home state.

All first time issuance of FT registration is to be processed in the Commercial & Farm Truck Division in Springfield. Stickers may be sold at any facility equipped for the two year transaction.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Commercial & Farm Truck Division in Springfield at 217-785-1810.

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