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MEMORANDUM

To: Division of Vehicles Stakeholders
From: Lisa Kaspar, Director of Vehicles
Date: November 17, 2015
RE: Division of Vehicles Notifications for Law Enforcement 2016

VEHICLE SERVICES UPDATES:

Listed below are the decals and/or plates that are valid in calendar year 2016. Expiration dates are also listed below. **The new month/year expiration decal is to be affixed over the previous month/year decal, unless otherwise noted.**

The Kansas Division of Vehicles has two (2) different valid standard license plates in use/displayed for autos, light trucks, heavy trucks, trailers, motorcycles and motorized bicycles. They are the "Dome/State Capitol" plate and the "Ad Astra" plate.

DISPLAYING EXPIRED PLATE KSA 8-133

No expired (old) Kansas license plate shall appear on the front (or rear) of a vehicle. Kansas no longer issues a front plate on a personalized license plate, therefore **no Personalized Plate** is to be displayed on the front of any type of vehicle.

EXCEPTIONS: **i)** A model year plate may be attached to the front of an antique vehicle (vehicle 35 years old or older) but are not for registration purposes if displayed on the front of the vehicle. Antique model year plate is defined on the third page of this memo.

ii) Truck tractor (semi-truck) will attach the valid/current plate on the front of the vehicle, but cannot display expired (old) license plate.

VEHICLES ASSIGNED A STAGGERED MONTH EXPIRATION REGISTRATION (Autos, Light Trucks, Motorcycles, Motorized Bikes and Recreational Vehicles) KSA 8-134 and 8-134a

The new expiration decals rely more on color than text to denote the expiration year. Staggered registration plates expiring in **2016 have green decals** and plates expiring in **2017 will have white decals**. The text on the decal will always be black. Expired registration enforcement is the first day of the month following the month of expiration.

NON-PASSENGER REGISTRATIONS (Heavy Trucks and Trailers that are not recreational vehicles) KSA 8-134

The following vehicle types will be issued a new white month/year expiration decal for '17', beginning January 4th. These vehicles *must* display a new "**17**" expiration decal ***before March 1st, 2016.***

Trucks registered for a gross weight of more than 12,000 pounds (Exceptions: Apportioned Trucks and Recreational Vehicles displaying an "RV" decal on the license plate).

Trailers (Exceptions: Apportioned Trailers and Recreational Vehicles displaying an "RV" decal on the license plate).

Registration expiration for these vehicle types is 12/31/2015, but in this case the registrations, by statute, renew after expiration and have a grace period until the end of February for renewal and display of the new 2017 decal.

DRIVE AWAY PLATE KSA 8-143

During the year 2016, a new "purple on white background" Drive Away plate will be issued. For the first time in the history of Drive Away plates, the plates will **not** have the expiration date embossed on the plate. In 2016, a "black on white" dealer designated decal with expiration of "16" will be displayed in the upper right hand corner. Please use discretion in determining validity of Drive Away plates by use of the current year print color on the plate of purple and the corresponding "16" black on white dealer decal in upper right hand corner.

A Drive Away plate *can only be used* on a vehicle **not** owned by the business the plate is issued to and the vehicle can only be operated **directly** from the point where it was picked up to the point it is to be delivered, except for test driving repairs in the vicinity of the repair shop. **Vehicle not to be operated (driven) for any other purpose!**

DEALER LICENSE PLATE KSA 8-134 & 8-2404(d)

On or after March 1, 2016, a red on white dealer license plate must be displayed with a new month/year expiration decal-'17' black on white background in the upper right corner.

On or after March 1, 2016, Full Use "Ad Astra" Dealer plates must display a new white month/year expiration decal for '17'.

A letter of authorization issued by the Kansas Division of Vehicles may be displayed while the dealer's plates are being manufactured.

ACCESSIBLE (DISABLED) PARKING PLACARDS KSA 8-1,125

Accessible Parking Placards are issued in two colors, white on blue background for permanent and white on red background for temporary. Temporary (red) placards can be issued for a maximum of six months. Permanent (blue) placards are valid for *five years*, then the person that the permanent placard is issued to shall complete a self certification form with the County Treasurer to receive new placards and ID cards. New expiration decals will be issued and must be displayed. Permanent placards with a year decal of “16”, “17”, “18”, “19”, “20” or “21” are valid. The enforcement date will be the first day of the month following the month of expiration on the decal.

New 02/2014 – Commercial, City/County/School District and Official State Vehicles may apply for a Disabled Parking decal to be attached to the license plate through the Director of Vehicles Office. Contact Erin in the Director’s Office at 785-296-3686 for the TR-159d form.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION KSA 8-143 (M)

Commercial Vehicle Registration is for power units only. Registration shall be considered to **be valid registration through March 1, 2016**. The commercial plates are purple lettering on white background. Permanent power plates will have “PWR” along the left side and “COMMERCIAL” across the bottom and will be issued a new cab card.

There will also be “local” and “6,000 mile Commercial” registration. The plates will be the same and will also be labeled with a decal stating one of the two designations listed above. All power units will receive new cab cards for the 2016 registration year.

APPORTIONED TRUCKS AND TRAILERS KSA 8-1,102(a)

Trucks and trailers displaying the apportioned truck and trailer plates shall be considered to **have valid registration through March 1, 2016**. The apportioned plates are red on white background. Permanent trailer plates will have “TRAILER” along the left side of the plate and “PERMANENT” across the bottom and will be issued a permanent cab card. Permanent power plates will have “PWR” along the left side and “PERM APP” across the bottom and will be issued a new cab card.

MUNICIPALITY UTILITY 5 YEAR REGISTRATION KSA 8-1,134(d)

Vehicles used by municipalities for utility purposes are registered on a five (5) year basis. The month/year expiration decal will have the year “16” or “17” or “18” or “19” or “20” or “21”. The decal color for these political subdivision 5 year registrations will correspond to the decal stock assigned for current registrations in that calendar year that the registration is issued and **will not** have the “UT” initials.

TRAILERS AND FARM USE TRAILERS KSA 8-143(2)(a)

Trailers operating with a gross weight of 2,001 pounds or more will be issued a new white month/year expiration decal for '17', beginning January 2, 2016. These trailers must display a new **"17"** expiration decal **by March 1st 2016**. Trailers with a gross weight of 2,000 pounds or less ***are registered at the owner's option***. Owners of a trailer with a gross weight of 2,000 pounds or less are encouraged to title and register their trailer at least the first year so a title can be issued to the owner.

Farm Use Trailers, with a load weight of 6,000 pounds or less, transporting agricultural products produced by the farmer or commodities purchased by the farmer for use on the farm owned or rented by the owner of such trailer, ***are exempt from registration requirements. The weight of the trailer is not calculated as part of the 6,000 pounds.*** Owners of farm use trailers are encouraged to title and register their trailer at least the first year so a title can be issued to the owner.

PERMANENT TRAILERS KSA 8-1,165

On January 1, 2013, the Division of Vehicles issued permanent registration license plates for trailers used in combination with county registered vehicles for a gross weight of 54,000 pounds. There is no weight limit associated with permanent trailers used in conjunction with commercial or apportioned vehicles. The license plate is red on white background and will not have a year displayed. The plate will be the same plate issued by the division's Commercial Motor Vehicle Office for prorated trailers.

ANTIQUÉ MODEL YEAR PLATE KSA 8-172(c) & (e)

A model year license plate means a license plate originally issued by the State of Kansas that is inscribed with the date of the year (expiration year for plate) corresponding to the model year of the antique (year the antique was manufactured). An antique vehicle can be registered with a "model year plate".

In 2016, 1976 Kansas issued tags will be eligible for use as model year plates. However, this is the first year the division issued expiration decals instead of new license plates each year. When the owner has a Kansas plate issued by the division during the period the vehicle was manufactured, the division will issue a new decal which corresponds with the model year of the vehicle. The decal color will be the same as the decals used for that year's month/year's standard expiration decal. It is very likely there will be multiple color decals on the street for the same model year of vehicle. The color will be determined by the date on which it was issued. If someone applies in 2015 for a 1976 model year registration and in 2016 another person also applies for a 1976 model year registration the two decal will both show 76, but the background colors of the decals will be different.

SPECIAL KANSAS LICENSE PLATES

The State of Kansas issues many other “special” license plates. These special plates will have the same expiration decal requirements as noted in this memo for autos, light trucks and heavy trucks. These lists may vary during the year as a result of legislative changes.

The following is a list of special license plates: Educational Institution (will have the school logo on the left side of the plate); Veteran, ExPrisoner of War; Pearl Harbor Survivor; Vietnam War Veteran; National Guard; Congressional Medal of Honor; Purple Heart; Disabled Veteran; Shriners; Firefighter; Ag in the Classroom; I’m Pet Friendly; Children’s Trust; Amateur Radio Operator; Street Rod/Special Interest; Breast Cancer Research; Emergency Medical Services (EMS); Gold Star Mother; Families of the Fallen; Ducks Unlimited; In God We Trust; Donate Life; Horse Council; Support the Arts; Eisenhower; and Masonic Lodge.

The following registrations are also issued for motorcycles as well as autos, light trucks and heavy trucks: Personalized; Personalized Disabled; Disabled Veteran; Purple Heart; Firefighter; EMS; Street Rod/Special Interest; In God We Trust; Gold Star Mother; Disabled Veteran; Kansas State University EI; I’m Pet Friendly; Donate Life and National Guard.

The Horse Council plate will be allowed to be displayed on horse trailers as well as auto, light truck, and heavy trucks.

Note: Veteran license plates will be issued for autos; light trucks; heavy trucks; RV trailers; and motorcycles. Due to the number of Veteran tags in use, a new format has been added beginning in 2007. Veteran tags will display a format of up to five (5) numbers or the format of two (2) numbers followed by three (3) letters. Both will be valid.

Speciality plates available for heavy trucks registered for 16M and 20M *only*.

PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES

Vehicles displaying a personalized plate are registered on a staggered month of registration system with the exception of 16M and 20M heavy trucks. The Personalized Plate design is a gold background with a stylized sunflower on the left side. The word “Kansas” is at the top of the plate and the words “Sunflower State” appear between the screw holes on the bottom of the plate. Lettering is black. This registration type expires on the year and month indicated on the decal. The enforcement date will be the first day of the month following the date of expiration.

Personalized plates need to be displayed on the rear of the vehicle.

Effective January 1, 2016, the Heartland plate will be discontinued and will no longer be valid.

RECEIPT IN LIEU OF DECAL

K.S.A. 8-143

Effective July 1, 2015: Kansas motorists who desire to renew their vehicle registration online the last day of their expiration month will have a 10 day grace period to allow Treasurer's motor vehicle offices time to process and mail a new registration receipt and decal. A person shall not be charged with failing to display a registration decal on a standard vehicle up to and including the 10th day following the expiration of the registration if the person is able to produce a printed payment receipt or electronic payment receipt from an online electronic payment processing system for the current 12 month period.

DESIGNATION AS A KANSAS COVERED FARM VEHICLE

Effective July 1, 2015: In the commercial vehicle safety arena, MAP-21 creates a new definition for "covered farm vehicle," and a new set of exceptions for those vehicles and their drivers. A "covered farm vehicle" (defined in Section 32934 of MAP-21) is one that is (1) operated by a farmer or rancher, a family member of the farmer or rancher, or an employee of the farmer or rancher, (2) used to transport agricultural commodities, livestock, machinery or supplies to or from a farm or ranch, (3) not used "for-hire" except a tenant hauling the land-owners products under a crop-share arrangement, and (4) is equipped with a special license plate or other designation.

This Covered Farm Vehicle exception applies to both straight trucks and combination vehicles, and the distance involved depends on the size of the vehicle. For vehicles 26,001 pounds or less (what we might think of otherwise as "non-CDL" vehicles), the CFV designation applies anywhere in the United States. In other words, a 25,500 pound straight truck with the Covered Farm Vehicle designation based in Kansas is eligible for the exceptions in Washington State and anywhere in between. The weight in MAP-21 is the greater of the Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) or Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR).

For vehicles over 26,001 pounds (again, the greater of GVW or GVWR), the distance limits are (1) anywhere in the registration state or (2) in interstate commerce within 150 air-miles (172.6 statute miles) of the farm. In large states, the 150 air-mile radius might not get a farmer or rancher to a state line; in smaller states, that 150 air-mile radius could encompass several states.

Effective July 1, 2015, Kansas will begin using a website to access the Covered Farm Vehicle form (TR-600). To register and print their registration certificate, the farmer or rancher can log on to WWW.KSREVENUE.ORG to access the Designation for a Kansas Covered Farm Vehicle (TR-600) form under the Vehicles Forms section or KCC.KS.GOV under Motor

Carrier/Agriculture. Once the online information is entered, the website will produce a printable designation certificate that is required to be carried in the Covered Farm Vehicle.

Covered Farm Vehicles and their drivers get several exceptions from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations under MAP-21. Controlled substance and alcohol testing programs (Part 382) do not apply, nor do medical qualification and medical card requirements (Subpart E of Part 391). Drivers of CFVs are not subject to hours-of-service limits, nor do they have to maintain a record of duty status (Part 395). CFV's are not subject to the daily post-trip, annual periodic inspection or vehicle maintenance record-keeping requirements of Part 396.

Drivers of CFVs do not need a Commercial Driver's License, but Kansas will require a license of appropriate class or type based on vehicle configuration. Kansas issues a "Class A" and "Class B" license, and both licenses are available as either a CDL or "Regular (non-CDL)".

A driver of a Kansas Covered Farm Vehicle would have to possess both the CFV Designation Certificate and the correct class of license for the vehicle they are operating. The vehicle must have a valid license plate, and if fuel tax registration is required, a valid International Fuel Tax Agreement registration.

The CFV is subject to being stopped and inspected to verify the CFV designation is valid. The CFV must follow basic equipment safety requirements, and they remain subject to traffic law and size and weight regulation. The drivers must still enter our inspection and weigh stations when they are open.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The following information is provided as an FYI.

In addition to the current registration fee, a Commercial Vehicle Fee will be collected based on the registered weight of the vehicle.

If you register commercial vehicles that fit the definition and are engaged in the furtherance of commerce read this entire section.

Definition of a Commercial Vehicle:

A commercial vehicle is any self-propelled or towed motor vehicle engaged in commerce that is used to transport property or passengers when the vehicle:

- has a gross vehicle weight or gross combination vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more or
- is designed or used to transport 15 or more passengers, including the driver or

- is used to transport hazardous materials in a quantity requiring placarding.

Your vehicles are operating in furtherance of commerce if any of the following apply to you:

- (1) Money earned is declared as income from a business for tax purposes;
- (2) Costs for the underlying activities are deducted as a business expense for tax purposes;
- (3) Products and/or money is accepted for advertising a sponsor;
- (4) The transport vehicle is being used in the furtherance of a commercial operation.

Do I need a USDOT Number to register my vehicles?

If your commercial vehicles travel outside of Kansas you will need to have a USDOT number.

Or, if your vehicles fit the definition of a Commercial Vehicle and are engaged in the furtherance of Commerce and do not fall under one of the exemptions, you need a USDOT number.

Highlights

The commercial vehicle fee replaces the current property tax for both interstate and intrastate commercial vehicles.

Registration fees and Commercial Vehicle fees will be collected on all commercial vehicles registered in Kansas.

All commercial vehicle registration will be from January 1 through December 31, with a grace period through March 1.

All commercial vehicles will be registered by the “fleet”.

A “fleet” of commercial vehicles is one or more vehicles.

Kansas Based IRP Registered Vehicles

Kansas based IRP (interstate) registered commercial vehicles will pay the commercial vehicle fee. The amount of the commercial fee will be based on their apportioned Kansas percentage. The commercial vehicle fee will be remitted to the county in which the interstate commercial fleet account is based.

Non-Kansas Based IRP Registered Vehicles

Out of State apportioned carriers (International Registration Plan; IRP) will pay the commercial fee based on their apportioned Kansas mileage percentage. The commercial vehicle fee will be collected on all out-of-state vehicles being registered in Kansas.

Intrastate Commercial Vehicle

The Commercial Vehicle fee for intrastate commercial vehicles will be distributed in the same manner as property taxes levied on motor vehicles.

Commercial Vehicle fees will be credited to the County where the intrastate commercial vehicle is based. If an operator of intrastate commercial vehicles registers in one county, but has vehicles based in another county, the county collecting the commercial vehicle fee will remit the fee to the county where the vehicle's base is declared. The Commercial Vehicle fee is the same in all counties.

These changes allow commercial vehicle registrations in a single fleet registration transaction in a single county by declaring the county where each vehicle is based that they are registering.

Commercial Vehicle

Registered Weight	Commercial Vehicle Fee**	Registered Weight	Commercial Vehicle Fee**
12,000*	\$250 1 to 32 years old	36,000	\$300
12,000*	\$200 4 to 6 years old	42,000	\$350
12,000*	\$150 >6 years old	48,000	\$350
16,000	\$250	54,000	\$350
20,000	\$250	60,000	\$400
24,000	\$250	66,000	\$400
26,000	\$300	74,000	\$400
30,000	\$300	80,000	\$400
		85,500	\$400

*The 12,000 lb. category is broken down by the age of the vehicle
 ** Commercial Vehicle Fee will be prorated the same as registration fees
 CMV Fees will be based on the apportioned mileage percentage for all IRP registrations.

Questions, Contact Deann or Aaron
 Commercial Motor Vehicle Office

785-296-6541

DRIVER SOLUTIONS

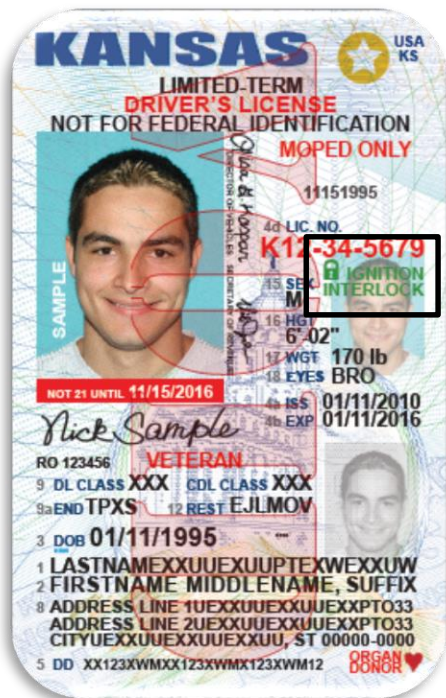
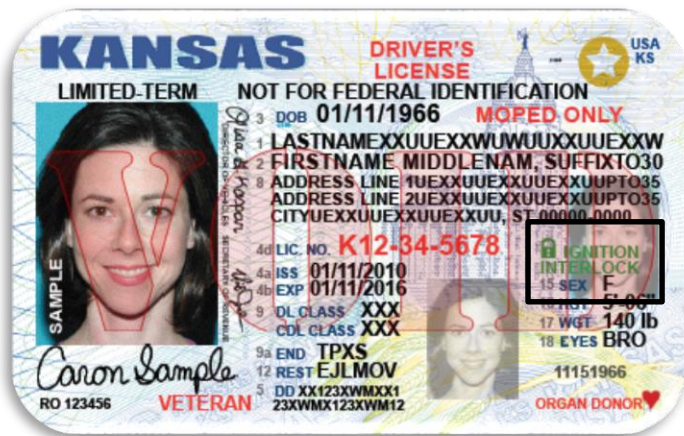
The Kansas Division of Vehicles will begin issuing Driver's License credentials that have an "Ignition Interlock" indicator beginning early 2016. Currently any driver who has such restriction is given a paper notice that identifies their restriction duration. There is no photo identification associated with this document.

A few facts about our newest credential:

- All DUIs in Kansas require an interlock for at least 6 months.

- The new Ignition Interlock credential will be **required** for any new restriction issued on or after the scheduled go-live date.
- Any driver who had a restriction issued prior to this date will have the **option** to obtain this credential.
- The credential will not display the driver's restriction duration as the time varies depending on date of installation.
- The Division of Vehicles will still issue the mandatory restriction notice as this credential simply helps to identify the Ignition Interlock requirement.

Below is a sample of our new Ignition Interlock indicator:



Identifying violators

Identifying violators can be somewhat difficult. The obvious violator is the driver who is stopped and has an Ignition Interlock requirement but is operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an Ignition Interlock device. Did you know there are other types of violations? Below you will find more information on violators:

K.S.A. 8-1017: Circumvention of ignition interlock device penalty (Includes tampering, requesting or soliciting another person to blow or start vehicle, and operating a vehicle without device).

Depending on the type of violation, Driver Solutions will:

- Extend the interlock requirement for 90 days.
- Restart the entire restriction period.
- Suspend the license for an additional year (if convicted while on limited modification only).

Circumvention Detection

Check for a bypassed interlock by the following:

- Have driver turn engine and key off completely.
- Wait 5-10 minutes for the interlock to completely power down.
- Confirm the unit is off by making sure the screen or device lights have no power.
- Have the driver try to crank vehicle by turning key.
 - Push Buttons require the brake pedal pressed & ensure the clutch is engaged on a manual transmission.
- If the vehicle's starter engages at all then a bypass has occurred.

You may also look on vehicle's dashboard for aftermarket wires or toggle switches. These are sometimes used to circumvent the starter bypass on the interlock.

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