

4501:1-13-03

Certificate of title for imported motor vehicles.

[Comment: For dates and availability of material incorporated by reference in this rule, see rule 4501:1-13-04 of the Administrative Code.]

(A) A certificate of title for an imported motor vehicle shall not be issued to the following:

(1) A person or entity that does not maintain a permanent address in this state; or

(2) A motor vehicle dealer that is not licensed in this state pursuant to Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code.

(B) A certificate of title shall not be issued for a motor vehicle that is not manufactured for sale or distribution in the United States, without the following:

(1) A manufacturer's certificate of origin issued by the actual motor vehicle manufacturer;

(2) The original documents portraying valid proof of ownership in the country from which the motor vehicle was originally purchased; and

(3) All documentation shall include complete translation in the English language.

(C) For the initial transfer of a motor vehicle that is not manufactured for sale or distribution in the United States, a certificate of title shall not be issued without all of the following documentation:

(1) A bill of sale for the motor vehicle;

(2) A foreign title or registration for the motor vehicle;

(3) A "Department of Homeland Security U.S. and Border Protection Entry Summary" that is stamped or signed;

(4) A "United States Environmental Protection Agency Declaration" form;

(5) An "Importation of Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Equipment Subject to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety, Bumper and Theft Prevention Standards" form which declares one of the following:

(a) If the motor vehicle meets the motor carrier safety standards by either boxes 2A or 2B on the form being checked, then a title may be issued, as applicable;

(b) If box 3 on the form has been checked verifying the motor vehicle has come into compliance with the safety standards, and a copy of a bond release letter from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration,

hereinafter referred to as "NHTSA", is presented, then a title may be issued, as applicable. Nonetheless, if evidence is presented that indicates a certification of compliance was submitted in a timely manner to NHTSA, and a bond release letter or response referring the certificate of compliance has not yet been received and thirty days has surpassed the receipt of certification by NHTSA, then a title may be issued, as applicable.

- (6) An odometer statement(s) signed and completed by both the seller and purchaser of the motor vehicle;
- (7) An out of state inspection that is completed by a motor vehicle dealer licensed under Chapter 4517, of the Revised Code or a local deputy registrar, as set forth in section 4505.061 of the Revised Code; and
- (8) All documentation shall include complete translation in the English language.