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Notations on a certificate of title.

(A) As used in this rule:

- (1) "Salvage" means any motor vehicle which is in a wrecked, dismantled, or worn out condition, unfit for operation as a motor vehicle, or is impacted by other events that render it economically impractical to repair.
- (2) "Junk" means that the motor vehicle is incapable of being operated on public streets, roads, and highways and has no value except as a source of parts and scrap metal.
- (3) "Disposition" refers to the condition of a motor vehicle as reported by an individual or entity engaged in the business of operating a junk yard or salvage yard, or an entity engaged in business as an insurance carrier, as defined in 28 C.F.R. Chapter 25. Those required to report any junk or salvage motor vehicle that is in their possession to the national motor vehicle title information system, hereinafter referred to as "NMVTIS", as established pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30502.
- (4) "Notation" means a marking or characterization of a motor vehicle representing the current or past condition that may affect the value or operability of the vehicle, as reflected on a certificate of title.
- (5) "Brand" is a distinctive label applied by another state or jurisdiction that describes a motor vehicle's current or past condition that may affect the value or operability, as reflected on a certificate of title.
- (6) "Replica" means a new vehicle assembled with major component parts licensed by the original manufacturer or other original, new, or reconditioned parts to resemble a specific manufacturer's make and model that is at least twenty-five years old.
- (7) "Scrap" means the motor vehicle has been processed into scrap metal by shredding, shearing, fragmenting, bailing, or similar means.
- (8) "Crush" means the vehicle has been rendered in such a condition that would prohibit it from ever being used or rebuilt for use.
- (9) "Sold" means the vehicle has been sold.
- (10) Empty or blank disposition field means the vehicle disposition was not known at the time the vehicle was reported.

(B) A certificate of title will include a notation consistent with any notations, brands, or other equivalent terms under another state's or jurisdiction's law or a term consistent with the intent of NMVTIS.

(C) For any motor vehicle which NMVTIS includes a reported disposition in accordance with 28 C.F.R Chapter 25, a certificate of title or salvage certificate of title will be issued, as applicable, with any notations consistent with the reported condition of the vehicle, including:

- (1) If the NMVTIS record includes an empty or blank disposition field, then a salvage certificate of title will be issued;
- (2) If the NMVTIS record includes a disposition of "sold", then a salvage certificate of title will be issued;
- (3) If the NMVTIS record includes a disposition of "salvage", then a salvage certificate of title will be issued;
- (4) If the NMVTIS record includes a disposition of "scrap", then no certificate of title will be issued;
- (5) If the NMVTIS record includes a disposition of "crush", then no certificate of title will be issued;
- (6) If the NMVTIS record includes a disposition of "junk", then no certificate of title will be issued.

(D) For any motor vehicle that has been reported stolen:

- (1) If unrecovered, regardless of a paid settlement by any insurance company, a certificate of title that displays the notation of "Stolen" is issued;
- (2) If recovered and not declared to be a total loss by any insurance company, a certificate of title that displays the notation of "Recovered Theft" is issued;
- (3) If recovered but declared to be a total loss by any insurance company, a salvage certificate of title that displays the notation of "Recovered Theft" is issued.

(E) Notwithstanding the requirements of section 4505.111 of the Revised Code, the owner of a motor vehicle may request that the certificate of title displays the notation of "Replica".