July 1, 2019

Dear Sir/Madam:

The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) recently changed the process of collecting and submitting the Infrastructure Maintenance Fee (IMF) payment for all sales dated May 7, 2019 and after.

Due to the unique nature of procurement processes used by various government and some specific entities, the SCDMV has made a temporary exception for all governmental, commercial motor vehicle, and commercial fleet purchases, as it relates to the processing of IMF payments.

As a temporary exception, the SCDMV will continue to use SCDMV Form TI-002T (originally discontinued in May 2019), for government agencies, commercial motor vehicle purchases, and fleet purchases to facilitate these types of sales for ease of processing for dealers and those specific customers. The dealer will issue the SCDMV Form TI-002T to the customer, who will present it to the SCDMV during registration as proof IMF was paid for South Carolina government entities (state, county, and municipalities), commercial motor vehicle purchases, and fleet purchases. The dealer is responsible for collecting and reporting the IMF due to the SCDMV within 45 days from the date of sale.

Concurrently, the SCDMV will create a new long term process and a new form, to replace the TI-002T, for dealers to use when processing these specific transactions. The agency will involve key stakeholders prior to finalizing the new procedure and form, once established. The SCDMV will provide future updates on its website and through associations. You can access our website at www.scdmvonline.com. The agency will also distribute another correspondence once that process and form is complete.

For reference, South Carolina Code of Laws §56-3-627(A) states that the SCDMV may not issue a registration until the agency collects the IMF. Code of Laws §56-3-627(B) further states that if the dealer selling the vehicle holds a South Carolina retail license or offers to license and registers the item, then the dealer must collect the IMF and remit it to the SCDMV. As a reminder, IMF is 5% of the vehicle sales price but no more than $500.

Regards,

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