

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Vehicle Auctions

Section 1. Section 14-65-2 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14-65-2. Dealer to dealer auction, and auctions to which the public is admitted

The following provisions shall apply to both dealer to dealer auctions and to dealer to public auctions:

(a) Each auction dealer shall provide at the auction location sufficient parking area to accommodate all motor vehicles to be sold and convenient parking for the motor vehicles of persons in attendance at the auction.

(b) The auction dealer's permit issued by the commissioner shall be conspicuously displayed at the dealer's auction location.

(c) Auctions shall be advertised and conducted in the name under which the dealer's license and auction permits are issued.

(d) Auction dealers shall obtain an auction permit from the commissioner prior to each auction. Where auctions are held on a regular schedule, the commissioner may issue permits for periods of up to six (6) months in advance. The commissioner may assign an inspector or inspectors or other employee or employees to each auction. If the commissioner chooses to assign an inspector or inspectors or other employee or employees to attend an auction, the auction dealer shall reimburse the commissioner for each inspector's services in an amount, which represents the total salary, including the cost of benefits, for the hours in attendance of each inspector or employee assigned to attend said auction.

(e) Vehicles with title brands, or vehicles sold true mileage unknown (TMU), shall be announced as such by the auction dealer. Such vehicles shall pass inspection as required by section 14-103a of the general statutes prior to registration.

(f) No auction dealer may sell any motor vehicle having a certificate of title branded "salvage parts only", or equivalent, except to a person, corporation, firm or other business licensed by the department under the provisions of Part III (h) of Chapter 246 of the general statutes, or a licensee under a similar statute in another state or jurisdiction. A totaled or salvaged motor vehicle with a certificate of title stamped "salvage parts only" shall be sold at auction separately from other motor vehicles.

(g) Each auction dealer is responsible for completing and providing to the purchaser of a motor vehicle at an auction the documentation required by law. Such documents shall include the name and complete address, including street, town, state and zip code, of the last owner to whom the vehicle was registered, the state in which it was registered and the mileage displayed on the odometer of such motor vehicle. The dealer shall retain a copy of the documents so prepared for a period of at least three (3) years. The documents shall include a properly endorsed certificate of title where so required by law.

(h) All vehicles offered for sale shall have a verifiable vehicle identification number (VIN), conforming with commercial standards, or a state issued VIN in the case of abandoned or composite vehicles, or other vehicles which do not have a factory VIN number. Any vehicle bearing a VIN number which has been altered shall not be sold, except where such vehicle has been inspected by, and its sale approved by an inspector of the department.

Be it known that the foregoing regulations are amended as hereinabove stated by the aforesaid agency pursuant to Sec. 14-65 of the General Statutes, after publication in the Connecticut Law Journal on February 4, 2009 of the notice of the proposal to amend such regulations.

Wherefore, the foregoing regulations are hereby amended as hereinabove stated, effective when filed with the Secretary of the State.

In Witness Whereof: August 5, 2009, Robert M. Ward, Commissioner.

Approved by the Attorney General as to legal sufficiency in accordance with Sec. 4-169, as amended, Connecticut General Statutes: August 10, 2009.

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