



**TECHNICAL ADVISORY**

**DIVISION OF MOTORIST SERVICES**

<b>DATE: 10/20/2014</b>	<b>Technical Advisory RS/TL14-18</b>
<b>SUBJECT: Motor Vehicles Coming Into Florida From a Foreign Country</b>	

**Overview:**

This Technical Advisory replaces Advisory Number T00-04, dated April 10, 2000.

**Details:**

All used vehicles coming into Florida from a foreign country (including dealer transactions) must have the vehicle identification number verified by a Motor Vehicle Field Office Compliance Examiner prior to being titled. This requirement does NOT include vehicles from territories within the US (American Samoa, Virgin Islands, Guam or Puerto Rico).

The Regional Motor Vehicle Field Office staff will perform an inspection of the vehicle that includes verification of the public VIN, confidential VIN or secondary VIN, manufacturer’s label or letterhead letter that states compliance with US vehicle standards, computer checks of NMVTIS/NICB data-bases, and a review of documentation showing vehicle clearance through US Customs (if applicable). Copies of these documents, including a copy of the completed form HSMV 84044, will be maintained in the regional office.

The VIN verification will be completed by the compliance examiner on a form HSMV 84044, in lieu of a form HSMV 82040 or HSMV 82042.

The compliance examiner will give the customer the original required documentation (including the original complete form HSMV 84044). The customer must submit all documentation to a tax collector’s office or license plate agency in order for him/her to apply for a Florida Certificate of Title. Once processed, the agency will submit all documentation to the Department for scanning.

**Conclusion:**

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Field Support Center.