

Motor Vehicle Procedure Manual

Registration

Agricultural (Restricted), Horticultural (Restricted) or Goat License Plates

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Legal Authority

[Section 320.08\(3\)\(d\), Florida Statutes](#), A truck defined as a “goat,” or other vehicle if used in the field by a farmer or in the woods for the purpose of harvesting a crop, including naval stores, during such harvesting operations, and which is not principally operated upon the roads of the state: \$7.50 flat. The term “goat” means a motor vehicle designed, constructed, and used principally for the transportation of citrus fruit within citrus groves or for the transportation of crops on farms, and which can also be used for hauling associated equipment or supplies, including required sanitary equipment, and the towing of farm trailers.

[Section 320.08\(4\)\(n\), Florida Statutes](#), A truck tractor or heavy truck, not operated as a for-hire vehicle and which is engaged exclusively in transporting raw, unprocessed, and nonmanufactured agricultural or horticultural products within the state or within a 150-mile radius of its home address is eligible for a restricted license plate for a fee of:

- A. The vehicle's declared gross vehicle weight is less than 44,000 pounds.
- B. The vehicle's declared gross vehicle weight is 44,000 pounds or more and it only transports from the point of production to:
 - 1. The point of primary manufacture
 - 2. The point of assembling the same or
 - 3. A shipping point of a rail, water, or motor transportation company

This section also allows these not-for-hire truck tractors and heavy trucks that are used exclusively to transport raw, unprocessed, and nonmanufactured agricultural or horticultural products to be used incidentally to haul farm implements and fertilizers when delivered direct to the growers. As it is used in this paragraph, "not-for-hire" means the owner of the motor vehicle must also be the owner of the raw unprocessed, and nonmanufactured agricultural or horticultural product, or the user of the farm implements, and fertilizer being delivered.

Description And Use

This procedure provides information and instructions to assist employees of the Tax Collector, license plate agent and the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) for

issuance of license plates for truck-tractors and heavy trucks used exclusively to haul agricultural or horticultural products or to transport crops or equipment on farms.

Definitions

The following definitions and terms apply to the issuance and use of agricultural or horticultural license plates:

- A. "Agricultural products" means any food product; any agricultural, horticultural, or livestock product, including livestock; any raw material used in plant food formulation; or any plant food used to produce food and fiber.
- B. "Point of Production" means the initial point of harvest, collection, or gathering of agricultural products.
- C. "Transporting" means the initial hauling or initial transportation by truck tractor or heavy truck of agricultural products from the point of production to another location for primary manufacture, assembling, or to a shipping point.
- D. "Home Address" means the address as recorded on form HSMV 82041 Application for Vehicle/Vessel Certificate of Title and/or Registration or the Vehicle/Vessel Registration Certificate.
- E. "Not-for-hire" means the owner of the motor vehicle must also be the owner of the raw, unprocessed, and nonmanufactured agricultural or horticultural product, or the owner of the livestock or livestock product, or the user of the farm implements and fertilizer being delivered.

F. "Goat" means a motor vehicle designed, constructed and used principally for the transportation of citrus fruit within citrus groves or for transportation of crops on farms, which can also be used for the hauling of associated equipment or supplies, including required sanitary equipment, and towing of farm trailers.

G. "Gross vehicle weight" (GVW) means:

1. For heavy trucks with a net weight of more than 5,000 pounds, but less than 8,000 pounds, the gross weight of the heavy truck. The gross vehicle weight is calculated by adding the net weight of the heavy truck and the maximum weight of any load that may be carried by it, which is the maximum gross weight as declared by the owner or person applying for registration.
2. For heavy trucks with a net weight of 8,000 pounds or more, the gross weight of the heavy truck, includes the gross weight of any trailer coupled thereto. The gross vehicle weight is calculated by adding the gross weight of the heavy truck and the gross weight of the trailer, which is the maximum gross weight as declared by the owner or person applying for registration.
3. The gross weight of a truck tractor and semi-trailer combination is calculated by adding to the net weight of the truck tractor the gross weight of the semi-trailer, which is the maximum gross weight as declared by the owner or person applying for registration; such vehicles are together by means of fifth-wheel arrangement whereby part of the weight of the semi-trailer and load rests upon the truck tractor.

Refer to [RS-45](#) Exhibit A for tips for declaring gross vehicle weight (GVW).

Eligibility Requirements

A. Eligibility for Agricultural (Restricted) or Horticultural (Restricted):

1. The vehicle must be a truck tractor or heavy truck not operated as a for-hire vehicle.
2. The vehicle must be engaged exclusively in transporting raw, unprocessed, non-manufactured agricultural or horticultural products or the user of farm equipment and fertilizer being transported.
3. The vehicle must only be operated within a 150-mile radius of its home address.
4. The truck tractor or heavy truck must be owned, and the driver paid by the grower of the product or owner of the livestock or livestock product, that is being taken to the point of manufacture, sale, or shipping.
5. The vehicle may also be used to haul the owner's farm equipment and fertilizer.

B. Eligibility for Goat License Plate:

1. The vehicle must be a truck tractor or heavy truck not operated as a for-hire vehicle.
2. The vehicle must be principally used for the transportation of citrus fruit within citrus groves or for the transportation of crops on farms.
3. The vehicle may also be used for the hauling of associated equipment or supplies, including required sanitary equipment and the towing of farm trailers.

4. The vehicle cannot be operated over public roads carrying a load.

Application Requirements

Application for an agricultural, horticultural or goat license plate may be processed by any county license plate agent upon declaration that the customer meets the eligibility requirements specified in section III of this procedure. The declaration must be made on form [HSMV 83110, Application for Registration of a Motor Vehicle for Agricultural \(Restricted\), Horticultural \(Restricted\) or “Goat” License Plate](#) (Rev. 10/11), that the vehicle will be used solely for hauling agricultural or horticultural products or for the transportation of crops and/or supplies, including required sanitary equipment and towing of farm trailers.

A. Owner’s Declared Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW):

Using the information under Definitions section, G., of this procedure, the owner must declare the GVW of the truck or truck tractor.

B. In the motor vehicle issuance system, under “Reg Use”, enter “GT” for goat. A restricted license plate will be issued.

C. Fees:

For gross vehicle weight registration taxes on vehicles less than 44,000 GVW, more than 44,000 GVW, or on vehicles declared as goats, see the License Plate Rate Chart at the link provided below (taxes include the following if applicable: various trust fund fees, original license plate fee, decal on demand fee, service fee, and branch fee) if applying through a county branch agency):

<https://www.flhsmv.gov/pdf/forms/83140.pdf>

D. Heavy Vehicle Use Tax:

If the vehicle has a GVW of 55,000 pounds or more, proof of filing, payment, or exemption from Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax must be provided. Refer to [Procedure RS-34](#) for additional information.

E. Proof of Insurance:

Proof of Florida insurance is required. Refer to [Procedure RS-36](#) for additional insurance requirements.

If the GVW is 26,001 pounds or more, applicant must submit proof of commercial motor vehicle insurance. Refer to [Procedure RS-33](#) for additional information on commercial motor vehicle insurance.

Renewals and Transfers

Renewals and transfers may be processed in any county license plate agent office. Form [HSMV 83080, Motor Vehicle Registration Eligibility Affidavit/Application](#), must be completed and submitted to certify that the vehicle will continue to be used solely to transport agricultural and horticultural products, to transport crops on farms, to haul associated equipment or supplies, including required sanitary equipment, and to tow farm trailers.

Replacement License Plates

Applications for replacement license plates may be processed by any county license plate agent. The following is required:

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A. Completed form [HSMV 83146, Application for Replacement License Plate, Validation Decal or Parking Permit](#).

B. A copy of the vehicle registration certificate.

Refer to [Procedure RS-06](#) for additional information and fees

C. When a customer reports a license plate or validation decal as stolen to a law enforcement agency and provides a police report prepared in response to a report of a stolen license plate or decal, such plate or decal must be replaced at no charge. A law enforcement agency card, containing the case number for the stolen report of the license plate or decal, may be accepted in lieu of the report. Comments must be reflected in the motor vehicle issuance system comment area to include the law enforcement agency name and stolen report case number.

If a license plate or decal is replaced using code “SP” (Stolen with a Police Report), a copy of the police report or law enforcement agency card containing the case number for the stolen report must be attached to the required form [HSMV 83146](#).

If the customer does not provide the police report or law enforcement agency card containing the case number for the stolen report, fees are required along with [HSMV 83146](#).

Revision(s) to Procedure

Conducted statutory review and added links to forms and procedures.