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IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO: All Dealers

FROM: Division of Motor Vehicles

RE: Rebuilt Salvage Title Brand

Effective Date: November 1, 2020

This notice is to inform dealers of the requirements to obtain a Delaware title branded Rebuilt Salvage. After an internal audit of our titling system we found that some vehicles are not completing every requirement when pursuing a Rebuilt Salvage brand with a Salvage vehicle. The definition has been in place since 2007 and is as follows:

“Rebuilt Salvage Vehicle” shall mean any salvage vehicle that has been rebuilt for the purpose of registering and/or titling. The vehicle must have a Delaware State Police Auto Theft Unit (ATU) and Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) safety inspection prior to titling and/or registering the vehicle.

Examples.

1. If the vehicle has a Salvage title, and neither an ATU nor a DMV inspection, the Division can only transfer the Salvage certificate to another Salvage Certificate.
2. If the vehicle has a Salvage title, and an ATU inspection but not a DMV inspection, the Division can only transfer the Salvage certificate to another Salvage Certificate.
3. If the vehicle has a Salvage title, and an ATU inspection and a failing DMV inspection, the Division can only transfer the Salvage certificate to another Salvage Certificate.
4. If the vehicle has a Salvage title, and an ATU inspection and a PASSING DMV inspection, the Division can transfer the Salvage certificate to a title (registered or unregistered) branded Rebuilt Salvage.

