

HANDBOOK: VEHICLE INDUSTRY REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

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Chapter 8 - Report of Sale – Used Vehicles

8.90 Used Vehicle Sold for Registration in another State

When a used vehicle is sold for registration in another state:

- Complete the *Report of Sale–Used Vehicle* (REG 51) **and** mark it "for registration in another state."
- Complete a *Statement of Facts* (REG 256) explaining how the vehicle is being moved to the other state if the California registration is not valid.

NOTE: The buyer must transport the vehicle **or** move it on a *One Trip Permit* (REG 402) **unless** California registration is current, or registration is obtained in the buyer's home state prior to movement of the vehicle. Dealer plates **cannot** be used to move the vehicle.

- Send the REG 256 and **all** copies of the REG 51 **except** the book copy to:
Department of Motor Vehicles
Incoming Mail MS A235
PO Box 944292
Sacramento, CA 94244-2920
- Give the title and any supporting documents to the buyer if the vehicle was purchased free of any liens, **OR** send the paperwork to the lienholder, if known, and arranged with them to register the vehicle in the other state.

Note: Most states will require a clean title; follow the instructions in Chapter 11.010 Legal Owner/Lien Holder Transfers

- Retain a copy of the REG 256 (*with invoice or copy of trip permit*) with the book copy of the REG 51 for four years.

BOE TIPS:

Refer to Chapter 4 of the Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Handbook.

Dealer plates cannot be used on any vehicle after the sale is consummated.

Option: Finalize sales documents after crossing the border, have documents notarized in that state. Refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 13, Article 3.3, Section 201.

Transporting a vehicle does not include the buyer's personal trailer or cargo carrier.

Options: BOE will recognize a commercial carrier shipping invoice (not the seller or buyer).