

Florida

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Division of Motorist Services

PROCEDURE	SUBJECT:		
RS-24	FORESTRY PRODUCTS LICENSE PLATES		
DESCRIPTION AND USE:			
<p>THIS PROCEDURE <u>PROVIDES INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS TO ASSIST TAX COLLECTOR EMPLOYEES, LICENSE PLATE AGENCY EMPLOYEES, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES WITH</u> THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSE PLATES FOR TRUCK TRACTORS USED EXCLUSIVELY TO HAUL FORESTRY PRODUCTS.</p>			
<p>I. PROVISIONS OF LAW:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Section 320.08(4)(m), Florida Statutes, provides for a special registration class for truck tractors used exclusively to haul forestry products or associated forestry harvesting equipment used by the owner of the truck tractor within a 150 mile radius of the vehicles home address. The declared gross vehicle weight is not required for taxing purposes.</p>			
<p>II. DEFINITIONS:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The following definitions and terms apply to the issuance and use of forestry products plates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Forestry products" means any material originating from trees that is harvested, gathered, or collected from a forest, woods, or other tree lands. 2. "Forestry site" means the initial point of harvest, collection, or gathering of forestry products. 3. "Hauling" means the transportation by truck tractor of forestry products and harvesting equipment from the forestry site to another location for processing, sale or use. 4. "Home address" means the address as recorded on the registration certificate. 			
<p><i>Revision(s) to this procedure: Updated description and use on page one. Removed all fees and referred to the fee chart. Corrected the class code and added which registration use to select on page 3.</i></p>			
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<p>III. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:</p> <p>To be eligible to apply for this special class truck tractor registration, an applicant must meet the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Must not be or plan to be hauling any forestry product outside of a 150-mile radius of the home address recorded on the vehicle registration. Crossing a state line is permissible as long as it is within the 150-mile radius. However, if the power unit has three axles or the combined gross vehicle weight is greater than 26,000 pounds, the vehicle must be licensed under the IFTA or have temporary fuel use permits for each state (including Florida), once the vehicle leaves the state of Florida.2. Must not haul any forestry products to any location from any location other than the initial forestry site where the product was loaded.3. Harvesting equipment being hauled must be hauled for use by the owner of the truck tractor.4. The forestry products must be unprocessed or partially processed in the forest. The following examples will assist you in determining eligibility for the forestry products registration:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. A chip truck tractor hauling chips produced by a portable chipper from the forest to the pulp plant: Yes.b. A chip semi trailer hauling chips from a stationary chipper located outside the forest to a pulp plant: No.c. A truck tractor hauling peeled logs from a stationary location outside the forest to a processing plant: No.d. A truck tractor hauling mulch, straw and bark from the forest to the processing plant: Yes.e. A truck tractor hauling mulch, straw and bark to a retail vendor: No.f. A vehicle hauling processed lumber from a mill or lumberyard: No.g. A vehicle hauling preassembled fence or other types of preassembled products made out of forestry product: No.h. A vehicle hauling any finished forestry product. (e.g., furniture or paper): No.i. A truck tractor hauling sawdust or shaving from a forest or from a plant: Yes, when the vehicle is hauling from the forest. No, when the vehicle is hauling from the plant.	
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<p>IV. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>A. Applicants must advise the county license plate agency that they wish to apply for the forestry products license plate and affirm their eligibility for the plate.</p> <p>B. FEES:</p> <p>Fees: Original plate fee, Service fee (add Branch fee if processed through a county branch agency), <u>registration tax and fees from the Tax Due and Credit Manual for class code 39, with “Reg Use” of “FH” for semiannual or “Reg Use” of “FF” for full year. Refer to the Registration Fees and Flat Taxes Distribution Chart for applicable fees.</u></p> <p>C. PROOF OF INSURANCE:</p> <p>Applicant must submit proof of commercial motor vehicle insurance. Refer to DMS Procedure RS-33 for additional information.</p> <p>V. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE PLATE:</p> <p>Application for forestry products may be processed in any county license plate agency. When the license plate is issued, the statement "Hauling Unprocessed Forestry Products and/or Harvesting Equipment 150 Miles of Home Address." will be printed on the registration certificate.</p> <p>VI. RENEWALS AND TRANSFERS OF FORESTRY PRODUCTS LICENSE PLATES:</p> <p>Renewals and transfers may be processed in any county license plate agency.</p> <p>VII. REPLACEMENT LICENSE PLATE:</p> <p>Replacement plates may be issued by any county license plate agency upon submission of the following:</p> <p>A. Form HSMV 83146, Application for Replacement License Plate, Validation Decal or Parking Permit.</p> <p>B. Fees: Replacement Plate fee, Service fee, (add Branch fee if processed through a county branch agency), Air Pollution Control fee, Advanced Replacement fee, Emergency Medical Services, Reflectorization fee and FRVIS fee. <u>Refer to the Registration Fees and Flat Taxes Distribution Chart for applicable fees.</u></p>	
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