# Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
## Division of Motorist Services

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**DESCRIPTION AND USE:**

THIS PROCEDURE PROVIDES INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS TO ASSIST TAX COLLECTOR EMPLOYEES, LICENSE PLATE AGENCY EMPLOYEES, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES IN OBTAINING PROPER DOCUMENTATION TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASED AT A U.S. GOVERNMENT SALE.

**I. PROVISIONS OF LAW:**

Section 319.23, Florida Statutes, provides for the titling of motor vehicles previously titled in Florida or in a foreign state. Motor vehicles previously owned by the federal government will be titled to the purchaser under the provisions of this section.

**II. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **A.** If the motor vehicle was purchased at a U. S. Government sale, the following documents must be submitted to the tax collector's office to be screened for completeness and accuracy:
  1. Standard Form 97, U.S. Government Certificate of Release of a Motor Vehicle (U.S. Government Bill of Sale), which contains a description of the motor vehicle including the make, year and vehicle identification number, accurately completed for transfer to the purchaser(s).

  **NOTE:** A lien satisfaction(s) is NOT required.

  2. A form HSMV 82040, Application for Certificate of Title with/without Registration, or HSMV 82041, Application for Vehicle/Vessel Certificate of Title and/or Registration, accurately completed by the applicant(s).

  3. If the motor vehicle is not currently titled in Florida, a form HSMV 82042, Vehicle Identification Number and Odometer Verification, accurately completed by the applicant(s) with the vehicle identification number verified by one of the four officials shown on the lower portion of the form.

  Form HSMV 82040, Application for Certificate of Title with/without Registration, may be used in lieu of the above listed form.

  or,

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**Revision(s) to this Procedure:** Added C on page 5 regarding the odometer disclosure statement.

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An affidavit from the seller(s) and the purchaser(s) verifying that the vehicle identification number shown on the affidavit is identical to the vehicle identification number shown on the motor vehicle.

Verification is not required on any mobile home; any trailer or semi-trailer with a net weight of less than 2,000 pounds; or any travel trailer, camping trailer, truck camper, or fifth-wheel recreation trailer.

4. Florida sales tax or specify the sales tax information on an accurately completed form HSMV 82040, Application for Certificate of Title with/without Registration, or form HSMV 82041, Application for Vehicle/Vessel Certificate of Title and/or Registration.

5. The Florida license plate number transferred to or purchased for the motor vehicle or a non-use affidavit. The mobile home decal number purchased for or the RP decal transferred to or purchased for the mobile home. A non-use affidavit is not acceptable for mobile homes.

6. Title fees.

NOTE: Standard Form 97 U.S. Government Certificate of Release of a Motor Vehicle is a negotiable instrument and can be reassigned by a licensed motor vehicle dealer in the ordinary course of business. When a licensed dealer has purchased a motor vehicle at a U.S. Government sale and was issued a Standard Form 97, he can resell the motor vehicle without establishing a certificate of title in the name of the dealership. However, an individual who purchases a motor vehicle at a government sale must have a certificate of title issued in their name prior to reselling the motor vehicle.

B. If the motor vehicle has been seized by an agent as a result of a law enforcement operation, the following documents must be submitted:

1. A copy of the Federal Court Order of Forfeiture or a Declaration of Forfeiture.

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C. If a motor vehicle or mobile home has been seized by the Internal Revenue Service due to non-payment of taxes, the following documents must be submitted:

1. A form 2435, Certificate of Sale of Seized Property, issued from the Internal Revenue Service, accurately completed by an authorized agent for the Internal Revenue Service, to the purchaser.
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   An affidavit from the seller(s) and the purchaser(s) verifying that the vehicle identification number shown on the affidavit is identical to the vehicle identification number shown on the motor vehicle.

   Verification is not required on any mobile home; any trailer or semi-trailer with a net weight of less than 2,000 pounds; or any travel trailer, camping trailer, truck camper, or fifth-wheel recreation trailer.

3. Lien satisfaction(s) for any lien(s), as shown on the motor vehicle records of this or any other state, and for any lien(s) listed on the reverse side of the form 2435, Certificate of Sale of Seized Property, if applicable.

   NOTE: A purchase money lien (money used to buy the motor vehicle) is not released by a Certificate of Sale of Seized Property. Seizure of a motor vehicle by the IRS does not relinquish the owner's responsibility of paying off the lien.

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### Application for Certificate of Title for a Motor Vehicle Purchased at a U.S. Government Sale

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**III. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:**

- **A.** Standard Form 97 is considered the equivalent of a certificate of title or MCO. If a dealer purchases a motor vehicle at a U.S. Government Sale and is issued a Standard Form 97, the dealer does not have to take title to the motor vehicle. Standard Form 97 can be reassigned from dealer to dealer until it is purchased by an individual.

   If there is a Florida title record on the Division of Motorist Services database, the same certificate of title number must be used.

- **B.** The $10.00 Non-game Wildlife fee is not required on an application for certificate of title supported by a Standard Form 97.

- **C.** The Odometer Disclosure Statement on the Standard Form 97 should show the printed name of the governmental agency that is selling the vehicle and not an individual’s name. However, the authorized agent signing for the agency must sign and print their name in the appropriate area.

- **D.** A documentation check list is attached to this procedure as Exhibit A.

- **E.** A Definitions page is attached as Exhibit B.

- **F.** A sample of a Standard Form 97, is attached to this procedure as Exhibit C.

- **G.** A sample of a form 2435, Certificate of Sale of Seized Property, is attached to this procedure as Exhibit D.

- **H.** See Forms Appendix for a sample of the HSMV forms referred to in this procedure.
# EXHIBIT A

**U.S. GOVERNMENT SALE CHECK LIST**

(VEHICLES SOLD BY THE U. S. GOVERNMENT)

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| _______ Florida sales tax or specify the sales tax information on form HSMV 82040 or 82041. |  |
| _______ Florida license plate number or a non-use affidavit or mobile home decal or RP decal. |  |
| _______ Title fees. |  |

(VEHICLES SEIZED BY THE U. S. GOVERNMENT)

If the motor vehicle or mobile home was seized by law enforcement, the following documents must be submitted:

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| _______ One of the following forfeiture documents: |  |
| _______ A copy of the Federal Court Order of Forfeiture, |  |
| _______ Or |  |
| _______ A copy of the Declaration of Forfeiture. |  |

**NOTE:** A lien satisfaction(s) is NOT required.

| _______ Florida sales tax or specify the sales tax information on form HSMV 82040 or 82041. |  |
| _______ Florida license plate number or a non-use affidavit or mobile home decal or RP decal. |  |
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If the motor vehicle or mobile home was seized by the Internal Revenue Service, the following must be submitted:

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EXHIBIT B
DEFINITIONS

CONFISCATE: To seize by authority for the public treasury, usually as a penalty.

SEIZURE: The act of taking by warrant.
The United States Government
Certificate to Obtain Title to a Vehicle
(Must Be Machine Prepared. See Instructions on reverse.) □ Duplicate If Checked

The undersigned Department or Agency of the United States Government certifies that the vehicle described herein, the property of the United States Government, has been transferred the 20th day of APRIL 2002, to the Transferee designated herein; and that this is the first transfer of such vehicle in ordinary trade and commerce subsequent to acquisition thereof by the United States Government.

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<td>Transferee (Name of dealer, individual, etc., and address including ZIP Code)</td>
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<td>GSA, FSS, 4FF 66A</td>
<td>MONDO CORPORAZZIONE</td>
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<tr>
<td>401 WEST PEACHTREE ST SUITE 2600 ATLANTA GA 30308542</td>
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Odometer Disclosure Statement

Date of Statement: 04/01/2002

Federal Law (and State law, if applicable) requires that you state the mileage upon transfer of ownership; failure to complete or providing a false statement may result in fines and/or imprisonment.

I, GSA, FSS, 4FF, state that

the odometer now reads 57,292 miles and to the best of my knowledge it reflects the actual mileage of the vehicle described above, unless one of the following statements is checked.

- (1) I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the odometer reading reflects the amount of mileage in excess of its mechanical limits.
- (2) I hereby certify that the odometer reading is not the actual mileage.

WARNING - ODOMETER DISCREPANCY.

Transferor's Signature (Seller): [Signature]
Printed Name (Not Typed) and Title: MICHAEL KELLEY
Date: 04/01/2002

Transferee's Signature (Buyer): [Signature]
Printed Name (Not Typed) and Title: A. A. [Redacted]
Date: 04/01/2002

ANY ALTERATION OR ERASURE VOIDS THIS CERTIFICATE

STANDARD FORM 97 (Rev. 2/02)
Printed in USA (1-1720-45-205-2)
Edition Date: Red. Updated: Rev. 04/01/2002

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EXHIBIT D

Form 2435
(Rev. January 1998)

Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service
Certificate of Sale of Seized Property

I certify that I sold at public sale the property described below, seized for nonpayment of delinquent internal revenue taxes due from:

Taxpayer's name: ____________________________________________

Date of sale: _______________________, Sale held at: ____________________________________________

_________________________________________ in the county of ____________________________________________

Description of property sold:
(If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet.)

NOTE: If property listed above includes motor vehicles, airplanes, and/or boats, see information on reverse.

The above property was sold at the highest bid received, and receipt of the bid amount is acknowledged. The sale was conducted as provided by Subchapter D, Chapter 64, of the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations.

Sale amount: $ ___________________ Purchaser's name ________________________________

Purchaser's address: _____________________________________________

Revenue Officer's Signature ___________________________ District ___________________________

Revenue Officer's Address _______________________________________ Date ________________________

Part 1—To Purchaser

Catalog No. 184932 (over) Form 2435 (Rev. 1-98)

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NOTICE OF ENCUMBRANCES

As of the date of seizure, the following were the senior encumbrances known to us in the property that was seized and sold for nonpayment of Internal Revenue taxes.

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<th>Date and Place Recorded</th>
<th>Name and Address of Party Holding Encumbrance or Interest</th>
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NOTE: The Internal Revenue Service does not warrant the correctness or completeness of the above information, and provides the information solely to help the successful bidder determine possible encumbrances against the property purchased. Bidders should therefore, verify for themselves, the validity, priority, and amount of encumbrances against the property sold.
Notice to Purchaser or Purchaser's Assignee

Personal Property
This certificate transfers to the purchaser all right, title, and interest of the taxpayer in and to the personal property described.

Real Property
If the real property is not redeemed within the time prescribed in section 6337 of the Internal Revenue Code, a deed will be issued as soon as possible after the surrender of this certificate. The deed will convey the right, title, and interest of the taxpayer in and to the real property. Instructions for obtaining a deed are given below.

Redemption Rights
The rights of redemption of real estate after sale, as specified in Code Section 6337(b), are quoted below:

(b) Redemption of Real Estate After Sale.

(1) Period.—The owners of any real property sold as provided in section 6335, their heirs, executors, or administrators, or any person having any interest therein, or a lien thereon, or any person in their behalf, shall be permitted to redeem the property sold, or any particular tract of such property, at any time within 180 days after the sale thereof.

(2) Price.—Such property or tract shall be permitted to be redeemed upon payment to the purchaser, or in case he cannot be found in the county in which the property to be redeemed is situated, then in the Secretary, for the use of the purchaser, his heirs, or assigns, the amount paid by such purchaser and interest thereon at the rate of 20 percent per annum.

How to Obtain a Deed
If the real estate is not redeemed within the 180-day period, the purchaser or assignee may obtain a deed by surrendering this certificate of sale, either by personal delivery or mail, to:

(1) The District Director of Internal Revenue for the district in which the property is located, marked for the Attention, Chief, Special Procedures; or

(2) The address of the Internal Revenue Service office shown on the front of this certificate.

Applicable Sections Under The Internal Revenue Code

SEC. 6338. CERTIFICATE OF SALE: DEED OF REAL PROPERTY
(a) Certificate of Sale.—In the case of property sold as provided in section 6335, the Secretary shall give to the purchaser a certificate of sale upon payment in full of the purchase price. In the case of real property, such certificate shall set forth the real property purchased, for whose taxes the same was sold, the name of the purchaser, and the price paid therefor.

(b) Deed to Real Property.—In the case of any real property sold as provided in section 6335 and not redeemed in the manner and within the time provided in section 6337, the Secretary shall execute [in accordance with the laws of the State in which such real property is situated pertaining to sales of real property under execution] to the purchaser of such real property at such sale, upon his surrender of the certificate of sale, a deed of the real property by him, reciting the facts set forth in the certificate.

(c) Real Property Purchased by United States.—If real property is declared purchased by the United States at a sale pursuant to section 635, the Secretary shall at the proper time execute a deed therefore, and without delay cause such deed to be duly recorded in the proper registry of deeds.

SEC. 6339. LEGAL EFFECT OF CERTIFICATE FOR SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AND DEED OF REAL PROPERTY.
(a) Certificate of Sale Property Other Than Real Property.—In all cases of sale pursuant to section 6330 of property other than real property, the certificate of sale shall:
(1) As evidence.—Shall be prima facie evidence of the right of the officer to make such sale, and conclusive evidence of the regularity of his proceedings in making the sale; and
(2) As conveyance.—Shall transfer to the purchaser all right, title, and interest of the party defendant in and to the property sold; and

(b) As authority for transfer of corporate stock.—If such property consists of stock, shall be notice, when received, to any corporation, company, or association of such transfer, and shall be authority to such corporation, company, or association to record the transfer on its books and records in the same manner as if the stocks were transferred or assigned by the party holding the same, in lieu of any original or prior certificate, which shall be void, whether canceled or not.

(c) Deed as evidence.—The deed of sale given pursuant to section 6338 shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated; and

(d) Deed as conveyance.—If the proceedings of the Secretary or any corporation, company, or association of such sale shall be considered and operate as a conveyance of all the right, title, and interest the party defendant had in and to the real property thus sold at the time the lien of the United States attached thereto.

(e) Effect of Junior Encumbrances.—A certificate of sale of personal property given or a deed to real property executed pursuant to section 6338 shall discharge such property from all liens, encumbrances, and titles over which the lien of the United States with respect to which the levy was made had priority.

(d) Cross References.—
(1) For distribution of surplus proceeds, see section 6342(b).
(2) For Judicial Procedure with respect to surplus proceeds, see section 7429(a)(2).

Part 2.—To Purchaser