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TO: All Enforcement Agencies and Magistrates

SUBJECT: Placement of Windshield Validation Stickers on Vehicles Inspected by DOT

This memo is being issued as a reminder about the placement of registration and inspection stickers, specifically, on the windshield of a vehicle that displays a Department of Transportation (DOT) inspection sticker.

A DOT inspection sticker is displayed on the windshield in the lower right corner, as viewed from inside the vehicle. When a DOT inspection sticker is displayed, the registration sticker should be placed on the windshield in the lower right corner to the left of the DOT inspection sticker, as viewed from inside the vehicle. Placement of the stickers is required by Chapter 1 of the Commissioner's Rules and Regulations as follows:

**Subchapter B, Part 17, Section 17.4(d)** - Windshield stickers shall be placed on the left hand side of the inside front windshield to the right of the inspection sticker as viewed from the driver's seat in a position that will not obscure the vehicle identification number, **except that on vehicles bearing a Department of Transportation inspection sticker, the windshield sticker shall be placed on the right hand side of the inside front windshield to the left of the inspection sticker as viewed from the driver's seat.** Any old or expired windshield stickers shall be removed before placement of a current validating sticker on the windshield. However, if a vehicle has no windshield, the sticker should be kept with the registration certificate and must be carried in the vehicle.

## **Subchapter M, Part 174**

- **Section 174.2** - In accordance with Section 17.4(d) of these Regulations, the New York registration must be attached on the inside of the front windshield, in the lower left hand corner, **except that if a vehicle bears a Department of Transportation inspection sticker, the registration sticker must be attached in the lower right hand corner.** No vehicle may display more than one New York registration sticker.

- **Section 174.3 (b)** - The New York Department of Transportation certificate of inspection may be displayed on the inside, of the front windshield, **in the lower right hand corner**.

Please share this information with appropriate staff. Thank you.

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