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Albany, New York

November 27, 2019

TO: All Enforcement Agencies and Magistrates

SUBJECT: Chapter 500 of the Laws of 2019 – Farm Vehicle Registrations and Farm
Vehicle Use Certification

Subdivision 13 of section 401 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law permits farm vehicle owners to designate one point on a farm that is within twenty-five miles one-way from the furthest point to which that vehicle will travel on public highways. Effective November 20, 2019, Chapter 500 of the Laws of 2019 amends this law to require that such designated point on a farm be set forth in an attachment to the vehicle registration. Form MV-260F “Certified Farm Vehicle Use” has been revised to provide a space for the owner to identify the one point.

The locations of all farms or portions of farms, the nearest municipal sanitary landfill, and the most direct routes between all farms or portions of farms and the sanitary landfill, are no longer required to be listed on the certification.

A copy of Chapter 500 and form MV-260F are attached. Please share this information with appropriate staff. Thank you.

Mark J.F. Schroeder
Commissioner

Attachments

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LAWS OF NEW YORK, 2019

CHAPTER 500

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to certain registrations of vehicles

Became a law November 20, 2019, with the approval of the Governor.

Passed by a majority vote, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 13 of section 401 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 295 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

13. Registration of motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers operated upon public highways connecting portions of a farm or farms, municipal sanitary landfills, licensed motor vehicle repair shops and the point of sale of the vehicle. Motor vehicles, other than motor vehicles manufactured and equipped primarily for the transportation of passengers, trailers and semitrailers, to be operated by any person, upon a public highway for the purpose of traveling by the most direct route, but in no event further than twenty-five miles one-way from a point on the farm as designated by the vehicle owner and **which designated point is** set forth in an attachment to the vehicle registration, (a) between fields, buildings, and facilities managed or operated as part of a single farm enterprise in connection with the production, harvesting, processing or marketing on that farm of crops, livestock, or livestock products produced on that farm; or (b) for the purpose of transporting materials from a farm to the nearest available municipal sanitary landfill; or (c) for the purpose of transporting the motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer to a motor vehicle repair shop licensed pursuant to this chapter for the repair or adjustment of equipment provided that, in addition to the route restrictions set forth in this subdivision, no such transport shall be authorized (i) if such vehicle has an out-of-service defect relating to load securement, brake systems, steering components and/or coupling devices, or after it has been placed out-of-service; (ii) on any limited access highway; and (iii) during the period of one hour before sunset to one hour after sunrise; or (d) for the purpose of transporting the motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, at the time of first receipt, from its point of sale to a farm, may be registered as provided in this subdivision. Every owner of such vehicles may cause to be filed by mail or otherwise, with the commissioner or with any agent of the commissioner, an application for registration of such vehicle, addressed to the commissioner, and on a blank to be furnished by the

commissioner for that purpose, containing the information required by subdivision one of this section and such other information as the commissioner shall require. The commissioner or agent shall make such investigation, as he or she shall determine necessary, and if satisfied that the vehicle is to be operated exclusively as provided in this subdivision shall, upon the payment of a fee of one dollar, assign to such vehicle a distinctive number and issue and deliver to the applicant a set of number plates and a certificate of registration in such form as the commissioner shall prescribe, indicating the extent to which the vehicle registered may be operated on the public highways and such vehicle may be operated only as so indicated. For the purposes of this subdivision, the terms "farm" and "crops, livestock or livestock products," shall have the same meaning as "land used in agricultural production" and "crops, livestock and livestock products," respectively, as defined in section three hundred one of the agriculture and markets law, except that farmers with an average gross sales value of at least one thousand dollars per year of crops, livestock, and livestock products shall be eligible to register vehicles pursuant to this subdivision.

§ 2. Nothing contained in this act shall be deemed to invalidate registration attachments required pursuant to subdivision 13 of section 401 of the vehicle and traffic law prior to the amendment of such subdivision made by section one of this act.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

The Legislature of the STATE OF NEW YORK ss:

Pursuant to the authority vested in us by section 70-b of the Public Officers Law, we hereby jointly certify that this slip copy of this session law was printed under our direction and, in accordance with such section, is entitled to be read into evidence.

ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS
Temporary President of the Senate

CARL E. HEASTIE
Speaker of the Assembly



Department of
Motor Vehicles

CERTIFIED FARM VEHICLE USE

(Complete Parts 1 and 2 and sign "Certification".)

Designated point on farm (by address OR if address is unavailable, town and road bordering the farm) within 25 miles of all locations to which this vehicle may travel:

CERTIFICATION: The information I have given is true to the best of my knowledge. I certify that the vehicle is used exclusively as a farm vehicle, and will be operated on public highways using the most direct route (**but not more than 25 miles one-way**) between the point on the farm listed above and:

- the farm(s) or portions of farms owned or operated by me;
- the farm and the nearest municipal sanitary landfill;
- the farm and licensed motor vehicle repair shops; and
- the point of sale and the farm.



(Signature of Registrant)

(Date)

IMPORTANT: Any person making a false statement in connection with this certificate shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be subject to fines, imprisonment and license sanctions.

**GIVE THIS PART TO
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

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CERTIFIED FARM VEHICLE USE

Designated point on farm (by address OR if address is unavailable, town and road bordering the farm) within 25 miles of all locations to which this vehicle may travel:

Certified to be operated on the most direct route to and from a portion of the farm, landfill, or licensed motor vehicle repair shop within 25 miles of the point on the farm listed above.

KEEP THIS PART WITH YOUR REGISTRATION

MV-260F (11/19) **PART 2**