

907A ISSUE STILL CONFUSING BUT FLUID

DMV COMMITTEE

As Recyclers across New York receive letters from DMV regarding recent changes to the long standing MV-907M confusion of "Why" builds.



Increased Paperwork & Increased Cost

ARANY working with DMV on solution

Over the last several weeks, the association has taken numerous phone calls from members confused by the recent changes imposed on the use of the 907M and 907A forms.

In a letter dated December 23, 2008 and sent to all licensed auto recyclers, DMV "intended to correct any misconceptions and clarify longstanding policy" regarding the use of the MV907M. Much of this information came as a surprise to many members, as most had been acting on longstanding interpretations spelled out by DMV in memos and other correspondence as far back as 1991, allowing dismantlers to use the MV907M "in place of the Salvage Certificate, MV907A".

DMV staff has explained to our representatives that this is a "re-interpretation" of the law stemming from the sharp rise in auto theft across the state brought on by last year's dramatic increase in scrap metal prices. According to the department, the MV907A is a "secure" document because, unlike the MV907M, it is sequentially numbered and printed on 3-part security paper. Unless a MV907A is generated for any vehicle from which parts will be removed, DMV is concerned that those parts removed and placed in inventory have no "ownership document" on file at the salvage yard to allow for tracking in theft investigations once the vehicle is gone. Despite our ongoing negotiations to amend these proposed changes, which will surely be both time-consuming and costly to our industry, DMV has forged ahead with this agenda.

We have outlined the critical changes in the following excerpt from the DMV letter:

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- *It is the dismantlers and or scrap processors responsibility to note the major component parts missing at the time they acquire the vehicle.*
 - *A vehicle listed on a MV907M is considered destroyed and may not be in the inventory of a dismantler after the date noted on the MV907-M. Any major component parts removed by a vehicle dismantler prior to the destruction of a vehicle by a scrap processor may be retained in inventory provided that a MV-907A has been issued and the file copy retained.*
 - *The MV-907M may be used by dismantlers: 1. Within fifteen days of acquiring vehicle and no parts are being removed. 2. Within fifteen days of acquiring a vehicle, parts are being removed, and required MV-907-A has been issued as proof of ownership. 3. After fifteen days of acquiring a vehicle and the required MV-907A has been issued as proof of ownership.*
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For a full copy of the DMV memo please visit www.arany.com or contact the ARANY office.

The DMV Committee and Executive Board will continue to press for a solution to the state's theft issues which are less expensive and less cumbersome to those who are least likely to be part of the problem! As we move forward, we will keep you informed.