

Mark Sanford
Governor



Marcia S. Adams
Director

State of South Carolina
Department of Motor Vehicles

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Kim Bright
U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Dear Ms. Bright:

Mr. Mark Keel, Director, South Carolina Department of Public Safety forwarded a letter he received from Acting Director Burch, requesting that South Carolina submit its plan for NMVTIS compliance to you. The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) is the agency responsible for titling and registration in South Carolina, and so has responsibility for the NMVTIS program in the State. As such, I am submitting the NMVTIS compliance plan on behalf of South Carolina.

South Carolina is grateful for DOJ assistance in funding a fully integrated inquiry and upload system, coordinated through AAMVA. In November, 2009 we provided the initial load of title data to the NMVTIS system, and have been providing daily uploads ever since. In addition, our title processing system is programmed to prevent the issuance of any South Carolina title based on a transfer from out of state, until SC has received confirmation that there is no problem with the out of state title, based on the error processing of our daily updates. Because of this business process, we no longer issue over the counter SC titles from out of state title transfers, and do not print or mail any of these titles until the error process has been completed. We are, therefore, already in compliance with the requirement to report data, as well as with the requirement that we not issue a permanent title until we have verified that the data sent through the batch uploads are accurate.

The current daily update process and the changes we have made in our title transaction processing system was a necessary precursor to an integrated online inquiry system. Once we passed structured testing with AAMVA, we immediately began work on making the necessary changes to our systems to allow for an immediate inquiry at the time a title transaction is initiated. Our current project plan calls for rolling out this integrated real time inquiry by April 1, 2010. At that time, South Carolina anticipates that it will be fully compliant not only with the letter of the law, but with its spirit, also.

Should you have any additional questions regarding South Carolina's compliance approach, please do not hesitate to contact our Deputy Director for Vehicle Services, Lotte Devlin. She can be reached at lotte.devlin@scdmv.net or 803-896-4879.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia Adams".

Marcia Adams
Executive Director

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