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Transport Commissionerate, Kerala
Trans Towers, Thiruvananthapuram
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CIRCULAR No.26 /2014

- Ref: 1. Note from Nodal Officer, SSG
2. Circular No.04/2014 dated 11-06-2014

Attention is invited to the above references. Vide reference 2nd cited circular direction was issued for smooth registration of vehicles sold in auction having fake chassis number and engine number. Vide reference 1st cited, Nodal Officer, SSG has recommended certain modification in the said circular. Hence in suppression of Circular No.04/2014, the following directions are issued for strict compliance.

As per Rule 57(2) of Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, if the vehicle auctioned is a vehicle without any registration mark or with a registration mark which on verification is found to be false, the Registering Authority shall, subject to the provision of Section 44, assign a new registration mark in the name of the Department of the Central Government or State Government auctioning the vehicle and thereafter record the entries of transfer of ownership of the vehicle giving the name and address of the person to whom the vehicle is sold.

However there is no provision in the rules to assign a registration number for a vehicle without having the engine number and chassis number assigned by the manufacturer or a vehicle with a fake chassis number or engine number or both. As per Rule 122(1) of Central Motor Vehicles Rules every motor vehicle shall bear the identification number including month and year of manufacture, embossed or etched or punched on it also. As chassis number is the primary identification number of a motor vehicle, the department can not register or transfer the ownership of such vehicles. If registered, these vehicles can be used for a long period. Absence of proper rules lead to the destruction of these vehicles due to non use, eventually resulting in the revenue loss to the public exchequer. It may also be noted that the confiscated vehicle is the property of the Government and the ownership of the auctioned vehicles can not be transferred to the name of the auction purchaser due to the above reasons and this creates much hardship and

inconvenience among the government departments such as Excise, Forest, Police, etc. In this circumstance, the following direction is issued for strict compliance:

1. If the vehicle bears engine and chassis number and have a fake registration mark, its chassis number and engine number shall be crosschecked with the database.
2. If the engine number and chassis number of the vehicle do not match with those in the database or if the vehicle bears fake chassis number, engine number and registration mark fresh registration mark along with unique chassis number and unique engine number shall be allotted to the vehicle.
3. In the above said case, before processing the application, (i.e before remitting fee and before allotting unique chassis and engine number and fresh registration number), the vehicle shall be inspected by an officer not below the rank of the Motor Vehicles Inspector and he shall prepare a detailed report which must include basic technical description, model, etc. of the vehicle and issue a technical certificate.
4. If the engine number and chassis number of the vehicle match with those in the database, the registration mark assigned to said chassis number and engine number in the database shall be allotted to the vehicle subjected to the condition that it shall be ensured that chassis number and engine number of the vehicle are not locally punched.
5. If the vehicle bears fake chassis number, engine number and registration mark fresh registration mark along with unique chassis number and unique engine number shall be allotted to the vehicle based on the technical certificate issued by the Motor Vehicles Inspector concerned.
6. Unique chassis number and unique engine number shall be the same and shall have 15 characters. The first two characters of the unique number shall be registration code of the State, ie, 'KL'. The next two characters shall be registration code of the Registering Authority/Additional Registering Authority concerned (If there is only one digit in registration code, it shall be entered as '0(zero)' followed by

registration code. Eg: If registration code is '1', it shall be entered as '01'). The next three characters shall be 'AUC', which denote that the vehicle is an auction vehicle.. The next four characters shall be the Serial number allotted by the Registering Authorities/Additional Registering Authorities(If there is only one number, the characters shall be entered as '000 (three zeros)' followed by the serial number. Eg: If the serial number is '1', it shall be entered as '0001'. If there are two numbers, the characters shall be entered as '00 (two zeros)' followed by the serial numbers and if there are three serial numbers, the characters shall be entered as '0(zero)' followed by serial numbers)... The next two characters shall be the month in which the registration mark is allotted to the vehicle (If the month contains only one digit, it shall be entered as '01') The last two characters shall be the last two digits of the year in which the vehicle is inspected and assigned new registration mark. While issuing certificate of registration, the clerk, the verifying authority and the issuing authority shall ensure that unique chassis number and unique engine number are properly entered.

7. For the purpose of issuing Serial number, every office shall maintain a register in which Serial number allotted to the vehicle, name of registered owner, number of the order by which the vehicle is auctioned, newly allotted registration mark, unique chassis number and unique engine number allotted to the vehicle shall be entered. The Serial number shall be allotted serially every year.
8. It shall be the responsibility of the Registering Authority/Additional Registering Authority to ensure the road worthiness of the vehicle.
9. After issuing the registration mark, unique engine number and unique chassis number, proceedings shall be issued to the applicant by informing him the registration mark, unique engine number and unique chassis number issued to the vehicle. In the proceedings it shall also be mentioned that the applicant has to produce the vehicle for inspection after carving unique engine number and unique chassis

number in a Government approved workshop along with certificate issued by the workshop where carving has been done by stating that the carving of engine number and chassis number of the vehicle had been done by them.

10. The year of manufacture of such vehicle shall be ascertained by using existing data of comparable vehicles.

11. If the vehicle is a Non Transport Vehicle the registration validity of such vehicle shall be given for 5 years from the date of second inspection, i.e inspection after carving engine and chassis number and if the vehicle is a Transport Vehicle Certificate of fitness shall be issued for 1 year from the date of second inspection.

12. Unladen Weight, Registered Laden Weight, Cubic Capacity and other specifications of the vehicle shall be the same as that of a vehicle of similar make and type.

13. While issuing certificate of registration number and date of proceedings by which new registration mark is issued shall be entered.

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Transport Commissioner

To

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All Regional Transport Officers
All Joint Regional Transport Officers

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