

## 540 CMR: REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES

### 540 CMR 15.00: SPECIFICATIONS FOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURER'S CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN.

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#### 15.01: Purpose and Scope

540 CMR 15.00 is adopted by the Registrar pursuant to M.G.L. c. 90D, § 6 and c. 90, § 31 to establish uniform specifications for Certificates of Origin for new vehicles delivered in the Commonwealth by manufacturers to agents or franchised dealers.

#### 15.02: Security Features

All Certificates of Origin for new vehicles sold in the Commonwealth shall contain the following security features:

- (1) Paper:
  - (a) Security Thread, with or without watermark, or Intaglio Print, with or without latent image, or both.
  - (b) Sensitized Security Paper: paper that is reactive to chemicals commonly used to alter documents.
  - (c) Non-Optical Brightener Paper: paper without added optical brighteners which will not fluoresce under ultraviolet light.
- (2) Engraved Border: a border produced from engraved artwork which shall appear on the front of the document.
- (3) Printing: printing shall be prismatic, rainbow printing which is used as a deterrent to color copying; or copy void pantograph, with the word "VOID" appearing when the document is copied, or both.
- (4) Complex Colors: colors which are developed by using a mixture of two or more of the primary colors (red, yellow, or blue) and black if required.
- (5) Erasable Florescent Background Inks: ink that fluoresces under ultraviolet light and reacts to any attempt to erase in such a manner as to be immediately detectable.
- (6) Background Security Design: a repetitious design consisting of a pattern which hinders counterfeiting efforts.
- (7) Micro line: a line of small alpha characters in capital letters which requires a magnifying glass to read.
- (8) Consecutively Numbered: documents that contain a number which is consecutively numbered for control purposes.

#### 15.03: Waiver

The Registrar of Motor Vehicles reserves the right to waive any of the provisions of 540 CMR 15.00 in the public interest.

#### REGULATORY AUTHORITY

540 CMR 15.00: M.G.L. c. 90, § 31; c. 90D, § 6.

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