



REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES

General Requirements for Farmer Inspection

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The Massachusetts State Police will be onsite to visit your location in 4 - 10 weeks from the date of this letter. In order to prepare for this visit, please review the following list of general requirements and ensure all are met prior to the State Police arrival.

- **Have the following documents available for review:**
 1. Business Certificate
 2. Articles of organization/Corp papers (if applicable)
 3. FID/EIN
 4. Tax Return form 1040
 5. Schedule C, D, and F
 6. All necessary licenses/permits required by federal and state law
 7. A list of all authorized users who will have access to the Section 5 plates and photocopies of valid driver's license for each authorized user.

- **Must prove one of the following criteria by making available your prior year tax return**
 1. Derive at least 40% of total income from the occupation of farming
 2. Demonstrate gross farm related income of at least \$1000.00
 3. Demonstrate a net farm related loss of at least \$2000.00

- **Must be principally and substantially engaged in the business** of farming, growing and harvesting of forest product or lumbering operations.

- **Must have 5 acres of devoted farm land or 10 acres for forestry operation.** The farm or forestry operation must be conducted for an ultimate commercial purpose.

- **Must have a permanently affixed exterior sign** posted of sufficient size and design to give the general public notice of the name and nature of the business. You must have a sign to display business hours.

- **Ensure that your fleet of vehicles have been titled in the correct business name.** Please have all titles on-hand for the inspector to review.

- **Must apply for a Compliance Decal** and display it to indicate you have taxed and titled your Farm equipment. The decal must be displayed on the driver side rear window.
NOTE: Compliance Decals are not permitted to be used on Passenger Vehicles.

Prior to the State Police Inspection, please check with your city or town for any additional requirements.