



State of Louisiana
LOUISIANA MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

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TO: _____

RE: Purchasing Trailers at Out of State Manufacturer's Locations Without Franchise and License

It has come to the attention of the Commission that Louisiana Recreational Products ("RP") Dealers who engage in the sales of trailers may be traveling to out-of-state manufacturers to purchase trailers for resale in Louisiana. Louisiana law requires all RP Dealers to hold valid franchise agreements with any and all Manufacturers whose products they sell.

RP Dealers who attempt to sell products for which they have not obtained a license from the Commission are operating in violation of Louisiana law and are subject to regulatory action, including the imposition of fines and the suspension or revocation of existing licenses.

Consumers who purchase products from unlicensed RP Dealers cannot register, title and license these products since the Louisiana Department of Public Safety will not do so without a valid authorization code from this Commission for each Dealer to sell each specific product. This results in complaints being filed with this Commission.

The Commission recognizes that some RP Dealers may not be familiar with all legally required licensing procedures. The Commission will work with all Dealers to help them meet their compliance obligations. Lack of familiarity with the law does not relieve a Dealer from the consequences of failing to obtain proper licensing or of violating any other provisions of law.

Please be sure that your dealership is licensed by the Commission for every make and model of trailer in your inventory, and that you have a valid franchise agreement with every manufacturer of the products you sell, and that the manufacturers with whom you do business are licensed with the Commission, as well.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lessie A. House".

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