

Registrar's Notification 03/2004: New Product

Access to Motor Vehicle Information Regulation (AMVIR)

To comply with requirements of the Access to Motor Vehicle Information Regulation (AMVIR), *Registrar's Decisions: Notification 01/2004*, and to minimize the disclosure of personal information from Alberta's motor vehicle registry, the Registrar's decision is to **release**, on an ongoing basis through Alberta registry agents, a new Type I motor vehicle search product: *Pre-Court Search*.

Purposes and categories of persons and/or organizations

This new product was designed to allow law enforcement agencies, lawyers, governmental regulatory bodies, and public bodies as defined in *Freedom of Information and the Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP) to access motor vehicle information required for the preparation of court-related documents and filings. It is anticipated that the introduction of this product will limit the request for Court Certificates. Unlike the Court Certificate, the Pre-Court Search will be available from registry agent offices. It is anticipated that this will significantly reduce the process delays currently experienced with respect to Court Certificate production. In the future, Court Certificates will only be issued when there are definite court-related processes pending and the applicant provides the date of the associated legal proceeding.

The Agreement for Access to Personal Motor Vehicle Information of Alberta Government Services (AGS) approved lawyers, and law enforcement agencies will be automatically amended to allow the release of the new product for approved purposes under sections 2 of AMVIR. Public bodies as defined by FOIP and governmental regulatory public bodies will have to specifically request and justify in writing why they qualify for this new search product.

Information Content

The Type I information released under the new product only to approved *Recipients* includes the information presented in Appendix A: Pre-Court Searches.

Notification and Review Process

In accordance with section 4 of AMVIR, on request by a person / organization the Registrar's decision is to release, on an ongoing basis, the information specified in this notification.

This notification was released on October 12, 2004. Any person may, within sixty days after the date of this publication, ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the decision of the Registrar in accordance with Part 5, Division 1.1 of the *Freedom of Information and the Protection of Privacy Act*.

On the issuance of this notification, in accordance with subsection 4(1) of AMVIR, notice is deemed to have been given for the current and any future releases of the category of information and of the person or category of persons to whom the information is released as described in the notification, for the purposes of notice under Part 5, Division 1.1 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

PRE-COURT SEARCH

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A search conducted of (Alberta) Motor Vehicle Registry electronic records indicates that on _'On Date'_ the following information was associated with the above search criteria.

REGISTERED Owner: _____

Postal Address:
Line 1: _____
Line 2: _____
City: _____
Postal Code: _____

Physical Address:
Line 1: _____
Line 2: _____
City: _____
Postal Code: _____

Alberta Licence Plate Number: _____
Class: _____
Weight: _____
VIN: _____
Year: _____
Make : _____
Model: _____
Style: _____
Registration Expiry: _____

Lessor: _____

Customer Reference Number: <XXXXXXXXXXXX>

NOTICE TO RECIPIENT: THIS ELECTRONIC MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRY SEARCH REPORT IS INTENDED FOR THE SOLE USE OF THE RECIPIENT AND FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE SET OUT IN THE RECIPIENT'S AGREEMENT WITH THE CROWN AND IT IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OF THAT AGREEMENT. THIS IS NOT A COURT CERTIFICATE. NO LIABILITY ATTACHES TO THE CROWN FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE THAT ARISES FROM INCORRECT INFORMATION.