ASSEMBLED TRAILERS INFORMATION SHEET

WHAT IS A HOMEMADE TRAILER:

- A trailer, semitrailer, or travel trailer, as defined by Transportation Code, §501.002, that is built or assembled by a hobbyist
- Texas Administrative Code, §217.406(b), specifies assembled trailers must be titled with a make of HMDE
- As of June 22, 2020, there is no permissive titling of newly assembled trailers regardless of weight

WHAT IS A HOBBYIST:

- A person who:
  - builds or assembles an assembled vehicle for personal use;
  - does not engage in the continuous sale of vehicles, as defined by the department; and
  - is not the maker of a kit or a manufacturer, as defined by Occupations Code, §2301.002.
- Assembled trailers (and vehicles) titled after June 22, 2020, cannot be transferred to or from a dealer
  - NOT FOR DEALER RESALE is printed on Title

WHAT IS A MANUFACTURER:

- A person that builds an assembled vehicle and is not a hobbyist, has the meaning as defined in Occupations Code, §2301.002, and is subject to the requirements of that chapter applicable to manufacturers, including sale through a franchise dealer network

EXISTING TRAILERS W/RECORDS:

- Applies whether Texas or out of state record
- Assembled Vehicle Process does NOT apply
- Currently non-titled and customer wants title
  - Registration receipt or other ownership evidence (Bill of Sale, VTR-141, canceled check, other documentation)
  - VTR-68-A (If a trailer does not have a VIN, follow the standard VIN assignment procedure and requirement
- Currently Titled
  - No policy change (properly assigned title or bond must be obtained)

EXISTING TRAILERS WITH NO RECORD:

- Manufactured
  - If over 4,000 lbs – requires title (unless proof of coming from non-title state) or bond
  - If under 4,000 lbs – owner may optionally title or go non-title
- Homemade/Shopmade
  - Assembled process applies to any homemade trailer for which a previous record is not found
- Any trailer sold after June 22, 2020 and no government record…bonded title is required

RSC RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Determine the method of construction to know how it should be titled
  - Trailers constructed with passenger vehicle parts are not eligible
- Ensure all required documents have been provided by the applicant
- Issue TR number
- Provide Assembled Vehicle Letter, Checklist, and return supporting documents
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Form 130-U
- Trailer Verification Statement of Fact (Form VTR-141)
- Government-Issued photo ID
- Evidence of Ownership
  - Bill of Sale, Invoice/Receipts for material used
  - Component Part(s) Bill of Sale (Form VTR-63)
- Vehicle Inspection Report (if GVW is greater than 7,500 lbs.)
- Rebuilt Vehicle Statement (Form VTR-61)
- Photographs of the front, rear, and side

- Certified weight certificate
- Notice of Assigned or Reassigned Identification Number (VTR 68-N)
- Law Enforcement Identification Number Inspection (VTR-68A)
  - Copy of Form VTR-68-A will be submitted to the county
- Bond paperwork, if applicable
  - Bonded Title Statement of Fact (Form VTR 130-SOF)
  - Notice of Determination for a Bonded Title or Tax Assessor-Collector Hearing (Form VTR-130-ND)
  - Appraisal