This bulletin is being provided due to recent changes to Colorado’s vehicle make abbreviation requirements. With these changes, Colorado will come into compliance with the national standards for motor vehicle make abbreviations. The change expands the number of characters for makes to four characters, if applicable, to meet the national standard.

An example of a Make abbreviation that will not be four letters is Harley Davidson, which will be HD.

This change will impact all new Certificates of Title and VIN verifications. Existing records with a three character Make will not be impacted until a new title is issued.

Please find attached a trailer and motor vehicle abbreviation lists. These lists will be updated as new makes are added to the lists and will be posted to our website www.colorado.gov/revenue.

Please contact Kyle Boyd at 303-205-8353 with any questions.