



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, DC 20520

RE: GUBERNATORIAL POLICE ORDER AND SUSPENSION OF DIPLOMATIC VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS; ATLANTIC COMMONWEALTH IMPOUNDMENT AND TICKET SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZED; DIPLOMATIC SECURITY PROHIBITION.

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THE HON. SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY U/JELLYCOW99

Dear Governor Mika3740:

The registration of diplomatic automobiles in the vicinity of the United Nations and domestic consular missions is administered by the Department of State Office of Foreign Missions, Diplomatic Motor Vehicle Office (OFM/DMV). Your state and the Department have agreed in writing

(<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/international/downloads/pdf/parking-mou.pdf>) to jointly enforce federal licensing and local traffic regulations regarding dignitary fleet cars since 2002.

The federal government has read reporting that, in light of recent events where Commonwealth police officers have interpreted their duties as very dangerous, law enforcement has refused to cooperate with your gubernatorial orders. As it is the obligation of federal agents and their partners to work to their mutual benefit, and to that of their nation, the Department has reviewed its files to find an opportunity to fiscally and generally ease enforcement tensions in your state.

As of 2016, the Atlantic Commonwealth is owed more than \$16,000,000 in unpaid fines by diplomats claiming immunity, or who leave the United States in lieu of answering for their local nuisances. OFM has analyzed Commonwealth consulates with large rates of traffic, parking, and DUI scofflaws

(http://gothamist.com/2016/03/04/diplomatic_immunity_nyc.php) in furtherance of keeping current with our agreement. Many of these nations owe tens to hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Commonwealth.

Pursuant to paragraphs 6, 20, 26, and the chapter "Towing," the Executive Secretariat writes to advise you of the following vehicle registration revocations recommended by OFM. Accordingly, these vehicles are similar to American cars without state registration and may now be considered by local police as a public hazard or past due on fines.

Without current consular immunity, your officers may seize or otherwise impound any diplomatic mission automobiles of the following nations not explicitly identified by a matching plate number below.

This is a low-danger, low-effort and high-benefit operation for state officials to participate in under your order. Diplomatic automobile and traffic enforcement rarely incurs physical violence to U.S. law enforcement requiring armed response, and with the assistance of Diplomatic Security special agents, the Department believes this operation will be a source of national entertainment for all officers while preserving domestic order under your directive.

I. NEW EMBASSY PLATE NUMBERS

Understanding that by international custom at least a single car must be afforded to the ambassador affected, the Department has granted the following new license plates to be affixed to one (1) consular vehicle per plate. If more than one plate is listed, the ambassador may select their preference from several mailed plates.

For your awareness:

- A. PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: plate "TIANANMEN".
- B. ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN: plates "WELOVEJEWS" or "WELOVEGAYS".
- C. RUSSIAN FEDERATION: plates "TRUMPTOWERREALTY" or "PUTINIS5FOOT3".
- D. BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA: plate "FATMADURO".
- E. SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC: plate "ALGASSAD".
- F. KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA: plates "MRBONESAW", "SUBSCRIBE2WAPO", or "MBSDRIVESLIKEGIRL".

- G. NIGERIA: plates "THANKSUSA" or "THANKSCANADA".
- H. DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF NORTH KOREA: plates "LILROCKETMAN" or "SKOREABESTKOREA".

II. STATE TOWING ENFORCEMENT AND RELEASE PROCEDURES

As any other unauthorized vehicle is not current and without diplomatic immunity, the fleet car is now subject to immediate seizure by the Atlantic Commonwealth. State authorities may impound any consular vehicle registered to the above nations that does not exactly match the specific plate numbers listed.

In order for the individual licensee to request the car be released from the state impound, he or she must: present valid insurance and a current registration linked to the plates above; pay in full plus fees any tickets over 100 days past due to the Atlantic Commonwealth; and request from the Commonwealth and the Department a diplomatic waiver through their attached mission.

The released car must, prior to transport outside the impound, be affixed with the listed plates above. The matching plates have been mailed directly to the consular official in charge of registration.

If the total number of vehicles claimed by the mission exceeds the number of registered plates to the nation's consulate, it must be privately sold by the registrant at the impound lot, shipped to the home nation, or relinquished to the Commonwealth for fine settlement.

Information on decoded vehicle records, nationality, and number of authorized fleet cars registered by the Department per mission is available by police computer database search as is normally published.

III. DIPLOMATIC SECURITY ORDER ON DIGNITARY PERSONAL EFFECTS

Any personal effects seized from impounded or resold expired diplomatic vehicles must be secured without viewing by local authorities, and forwarded for safekeeping by the Diplomatic Security Service field office in the Atlantic Commonwealth until permanent disposition of dignitary items. Any other access to these items is expressly prohibited under treaty conventions.

The Department of State expresses its gratitude to the Governor for continued partnership with your state on resolving local diplomatic concerns since 2002.

The Secretariat will provide all available means to State officials to help your office defuse any law enforcement conflicts in executing this operation. We wish your citizens the best in resolving this labor dispute.

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