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Ms. Judith Gleason, Esquire  
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Dear Ms. Gleason:

This correspondence is a follow-up to a conference call held on October 1, 2009 with representatives from Maryland and New Jersey to discuss a potential reciprocity agreement between the two jurisdictions regarding farm plates.

As participants in the International Registration Plan (IRP), we are bound by the agreement and honor those plates that are considered restricted. Article II, Definitions of the IRP defines an apportionable vehicle and states that vehicles displaying restricted plates are excluded from IRP registration under this section.

Both Maryland and New Jersey recognize farm plates as restricted plates under IRP, and therefore vehicles displaying these plates are exempt from apportioned registration. As a result, there is no need to develop a reciprocity agreement, since this issue is addressed through the IRP. It is important to note that in Maryland farm plates are not exempt from entering weigh and inspection facilities to have their weights verified and from inspection for safety related issues.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Sharon Crow at 410-787-2975 or [scrow@marylandmva.com](mailto:scrow@marylandmva.com). You may also contact Ms. Christine Nizer at 410-787-7830 or [cnizer@marylandmva.com](mailto:cnizer@marylandmva.com)

Sincerely,

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