

R151. Commerce, Administration.

R151-14. New Automobile Franchise Act Rule.

R151-14-1. Title.

This rule shall be known as the "New Automobile Franchise Act Rule".

R151-14-2. Authority - Purpose.

In accordance with the New Automobile Franchise Act, Title 13, Chapter 14, this rule governs adjudicative proceedings before the Utah Motor Vehicle Franchise Advisory Board and the Executive Director of the Department of Commerce, and is adopted under the authority of Subsection 13-14-104(2).

R151-14-3. Adjudicative Proceedings.

(1) Informal Proceeding. Adjudicative proceedings before the Board and the Executive Director are designated as informal adjudicative proceedings.

(2) Applicable Rules. In addition to Title 63, Chapter 46b, Utah Administrative Procedures Act, any adjudicative proceedings under the New Automobile Franchise Act shall be conducted in accordance with this rule and with the Department of Commerce Administrative Procedures Act Rule, R151-46b.

(3) Procedure for Substitution of Presiding Officer. In accordance with Section 63-46b-2(1)(h), the Executive Director of the Department may upon his/her own motion substitute an administrative law judge as the presiding officer to conduct certain aspects of the adjudicative proceedings before the Board if he/she determines that fairness to the parties would not be compromised by such substitution. The substitution order shall give any party who feels that such substitution would compromise fairness an opportunity to request the Executive Director to reconsider the substitution by submitting written objections and supporting arguments to the Executive Director. Upon reconsideration, the Executive Director may leave the order intact or make such other orders as he/she deems appropriate.

(4) Submissions. Except as otherwise expressly required or permitted in this Rule or in the New Automobile Franchise Act, all correspondence or other submissions shall be directed to the Chair of the Utah Motor Vehicle Franchise Advisory Board at the Utah Department of Commerce.

(5) Form of Pleadings. A notice of agency action by the agency shall comply with the requirements of the Utah Administrative Procedures Act, Section 63-46b-3(2). A request to commence an adjudicative proceeding pursuant to Section 13-14-107(1), shall be a pleading headed "BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, UTAH MOTOR VEHICLE FRANCHISE ADVISORY BOARD" and captioned "Request for Agency Action." The pleading shall substantially comply with the Utah Administrative Procedures Act, Section 63-46b-3(3), and the Department of Commerce Administrative Procedures Act Rule, R151-46b-7.

(6) Answer. If the presiding officer determines that an answer to any notice of agency action or request for agency action would be helpful to the proceedings, the presiding officer may order a party to the proceedings to file an answer.

(7) Memoranda. If the presiding officer determines that prehearing briefs would be helpful to the proceedings, the presiding officer may order the parties to submit memoranda in accordance with any scheduling order entered by the presiding officer.

(8) GRAMA. Any request for records of the proceedings before the Board and the Executive Director will be governed by GRAMA (Government Records Access and Management Act), Utah Code Ann. Section 63-2-101 et seq. Any schedule of records classifications maintained by the Department shall be made available to the parties upon request.

R151-14-4. Registration.

(1) Each newly formed or otherwise not previously registered franchisor or franchisee shall request an initial registration form from the Department.

(2) The Department shall provide a renewal form to each registered franchisor and franchisee at least 30 and not more than 60 days prior to the expiration of the current registration.

(3) A registrant may use the form provided by the Department to renew its registration or may submit a renewal request in another format so long as that request contains the following information:

- (a) Name of dealership/manufacture;
- (b) Address of dealership/manufacture;
- (c) Owners or stockholders and percentage of holding (5% or above only);
- (d) Line-makes manufactured, distributed, or sold;
- (e) If applicable, dealer number; and
- (f) Name and address of person designated for the purpose of receiving notices or process pursuant to the provisions of the New Automobile Franchise Act.

(4) The processing of an application for registration by the Department may be delayed for a reasonable time to give the registrant an opportunity to cure technical defects in an application for registration.

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