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## **NOTICE**

### **New Text on Reverse of Diplomatic Tax Exemption Cards: “Not valid for vehicle purchases.”**

In August 2014, the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) added the following new text to the reverse of all diplomatic tax exemption cards: “Not valid for vehicle purchases.” This statement is included to inform a vehicle seller or lessor that diplomatic tax exemption cards do not serve as evidence that a foreign mission or mission member is authorized for an exemption from taxes imposed on their acquisition of a motor vehicle. Instead, any time a mission or accredited member wishes to purchase or lease a motor vehicle, the seller/lessor must request a motor vehicle tax exemption letter from OFM. This policy is explained in circular note No. 12-331, dated December 3, 2012, available at <http://www.state.gov/ofm/notes/tax>.

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