

**8-2431. Same; exemption for manufacturers with dispute resolution procedures.** The provisions of K.S.A. 8-2430, and amendments thereto, shall not apply to any proposed establishment of an additional new motor vehicle dealer, including a supplemental place of business, or relocation of an existing new motor vehicle dealer, as the case may be, if a manufacturer, distributor or factory branch provides a dispute resolution mechanism for the establishment of an additional new motor vehicle dealer or supplemental place of business or for relocating a new motor vehicle dealer which meets the following criteria:

(a) The decision makers under the dispute resolution mechanism shall either be:

(1) Independent and not employed by, or affiliated with the manufacturer, distributor, factory branch or dealers if there is no specific process reached by prior agreement between the protesting dealer and the manufacturer, distributor or factory branch; or

(2) an individual or panel selected by a process mutually agreeable to the protesting dealer and the manufacturer, distributor or factory branch under the terms of the franchise agreement between them.

(b) There is a standard for deciding such cases under the terms of the dispute resolution process which allows a protesting dealer to include evidence on impact upon the existing dealers in addition to any other factors expressly or implicitly considered under the mechanism.

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