

Cargo Co-ordinators International N.Z. Ltd

CONDITIONS REQUIRING COMPLIANCE FOR PEOPLE WISHING TO IMPORT CARS TO NZ



Conditions for import to obviate payment of GST and/or duty :

1. You must have legal authority to reside in NZ
2. You must have been domiciled outside NZ for whole of previous 21 months, exception being return holiday or exploratory visits here
3. Must have owned and used the vehicle for at least one year
4. The vehicle is for personal use
5. You will need to undertake not to sell or dispose of for 24 months
6. These rules are strictly applied, Customs have no authority to vary
7. You will need to undergo a Customs interview relating to the above.

Procedures that will be followed for a private car import :

1. You need to provide main details of the vehicle – chassis/vin number, engine number, make, model and year of manufacture
2. You need to provide proof of ownership and a scanned copy of your passport (or we can scan it in our office if you wish), and a copy of the shipment documents
3. You need to complete a Customs Code Application form (available for download from our website) and provide proof of value (the original purchase agreement).
4. We will lodge the papers for import clearance with Customs and Maf (Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry). Maf will check the vehicle meets their standards of cleanliness, if it does not we will be obliged to arrange whatever cleaning/vacuuming that has been specified by Maf – this is additional to any quoted entry costs
5. Once the vehicle is cleared by Maf and Customs and any/all charges to these entities paid, the vehicle will then need to be taken to an approved LTSA (Land Transport Safety Authority) Compliance centre. The vehicle will be checked to ensure it complies with NZ requirements for safety and standards. Again, any areas of non compliance will need to be satisfied before the vehicle will be released for registration and use on NZ roads
6. Once cleared by LTSA, and compliance charges paid, you will be able register the vehicle (the LTSA process issues a WOF – Warrant Of Fitness at the same time) and once you have done this and attached your new registration plates, you will be able to drive on the road (don't forget insurance).

PLEASE ENSURE YOU SCAN & EMAIL DOCUMENTS RATHER THAN FAX. ENSURE YOUR VEHICLE/S ARE WELL CLEANED TO AVOID EXTRA CLEANING AND INSPECTION COSTS

DISCLAIMER NOTE : The foregoing does not purport to be the only advice you should seek and does not cover all eventualities. It is intended as an advisory note only, recipients should satisfy themselves entirely on their respective situation and case. You must comply in all cases with all entry formalities and Authority's.