

## GUIDE TO IMPORTING A PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLE INTO CYPRUS

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### CAR – CUSTOMS INFORMATION

The Republic of Cyprus Car Importation law stipulates the following:

#### FROM NON EU COUNTRIES:

**A motor vehicle may be imported free of excise duty under the following circumstances where the owner must prove and provide the following documents:**

- The vehicle must be owned and used for more than 6 months
- The mileage exceeds 6,000kms
- The owner should have resided outside Cyprus for a continuous period of 12 months **prior to transfer of normal residence**
- The car must be imported within 6 months of owner's transfer of normal residence to Cyprus
- The owner must prove that he/she is moving to Cyprus permanently
- Value added tax will apply at the current rate on the customs assessed value of the vehicle

#### FROM EU MEMBER COUNTRIES:

**A motor vehicle may be imported free of excise duty and VAT under the following circumstances where the owner must prove and provide the following documents:**

Where the owner meets the above Non EU country criteria, failing which excise duty will be payable. VAT will be waived if the age of the car exceeds 6 months and the mileage exceeds 6000 kms.

#### DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR CARS FROM EU AND NON EU MEMBER COUNTRIES:

- Original passport and personal attendance at Limassol Customs
- Original log book of the car (registration)
- Driving license
- Valid Insurance cover for Cyprus

#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

Please make sure that the above documents are not left inside the car.

### REGISTERING THE CAR IN CYPRUS

- Upon arrival in Cyprus you should apply to the Immigration office for permanent residency
- You must provide the Sale agreement of your property at origin country or termination of rental agreement at origin country
- You must provide proof of house ownership or rental agreement in Cyprus
- If you will be working in Cyprus you must provide your employment contract
- Letter from employer at origin country confirming your termination of employment and your transfer of permanent residence to Cyprus
- Registration of your children at local schools
- Bank statement confirming you have an account in Cyprus
- Your last motor vehicle insurance certificate/policy at the origin country may be required

The car will be initially released to you as a 'visitor' under temporary importation license (C104 form). You need to check the expiry date of this form and if you are unable to register within the period specified you should apply to Customs for an extension.

### MOTOR BIKES - EU ORIGIN

If less than 599 CC then no duty or tax is payable provided the age of motor bike exceeds 6 months and mileage exceeds 6000 kms. If over 599 cc then the same rules and regulations apply as Cars. The owner may import only one CAR OR BIKE free of duty and tax.

### NON EU ORIGIN

If less than 599cc excise duty is not applicable. If the owner does not meet all the criteria (see regulations for Cars) then duty and Vat are payable at the current rate. If the motor bike exceeds 599 cc then the same regulations as Cars apply.