

A GUIDE TO IMPORTING PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES INTO CANADA

TO QUALIFY FOR DUTY AND TAX FREE ENTRY

- Motor vehicles imported by migrants must be owned, used and had in their possession prior to importation into Canada and may not be used for commercial purposes
- Returning residents must have resided outside Canada for not less than 1 year and owner and used the vehicle for a minimum of 6 months prior to importation.
- Unless the above criteria are satisfied duty and GST (Goods And Services Tax) is payable. A leased vehicle is not deemed to have been owned and is dutiable.

PROHIBITED VEHICLES

Used or second hand vehicles of other than current year manufacture are generally prohibited from importation with the exception of vehicles over 15 years old. All vehicles less than 15 years old, new or used, must comply with Canadian Safety and Pollution Standards. Passenger cars must also comply with Canadian bumper and seat belt anchorage standards. For further information you should direct your enquiries to Transport Canada Vehicle Importation, 13th floor, Canada Building, 344 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario KIA 0N5 Tel 001 613 998 2508.

CA\$10,000 LIMIT

Any motor vehicle that was acquired after March 31 1977, and is valued at more than CA\$10,000 is subject to duty and tax on the excess amount.

PROVINCIAL SALES TAX AND SAFETY TESTS

Most provinces levy a sales tax and it may apply to your vehicle. Check with your provincial sale tax office. In addition most provinces maintain their own systems of safety tests. For more information you should contact the Motor Vehicle Branch of your provincial Department Of Transport.

DRIVING LICENCE

Migrants with a work permit may drive a vehicle on their original license for up to 2 months, following which a test is required for the Canadian province of residence driver's license.

CANADIAN PORT CHARGES

All shipments arriving in Canada are subject to port and container unpacking charges, which are often considerably cheaper when prepaid. Please note our quotation **includes** Canadian Terminal Handling charges.

CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

If so appointed our representative will supply a Canada Customs Brokerage form which you will be required to complete and return with a copy of your passport, UK registration documents, insurance certificate, and purchase invoice. Please note personal attendance during customs clearance by the shipper is mandatory. Customs clearance charges are payable to our representative (unless included in our quotation) as follows: Motor cycle CA\$150, groupage car CA\$350, FCL car CA\$700. NB charges above are approximate depending on the port of arrival.

IMPORTANT We will require a full descriptive packing list, a copy of your passport and the full consignee street address (PO Box address is unacceptable) prior to shipment.

QUARANTINE INSPECTION AND STEAM CLEANING

All motor vehicles entering Canada are subject to inspection by Agriculture Canada; most vehicles are required to be steam cleaned. Please ensure your vehicle is thoroughly cleaned and vacuumed prior to shipment, paying particular attention to the wheel arches, the underside and engine compartment and interior, passenger and boot compartments. In the event that that Agriculture fail the vehicle you will incur additional charges for steam cleaning and subsequent re-inspection, which vary between CA\$100 to CA\$500 depending on the port of entry.

This information is not definitive and is intended as a guide only. Destination regulations can change without notice and for specific guidance we strongly recommend that you obtain direct rulings from the relevant authority.