

General Information on IMPORTING VEHICLES

Is there any specific legislation I should know about before importing a vehicle?

Yes, particularly if it's left hand drive. To use an imported vehicle on NZ roads, it must be certified, registered and warranted. Refer to the NZ Transport Agency website from our online Resource Centre at www.beaconglobal.co.nz. Select Links from the sub-menu.

How to I get my vehicle shipped from overseas?

Tell the supplier you'll do the freighting then complete our simple "Import Freight Instructions to Beacon" form. We'll do the rest. Forms are online in the Resource Centre at www.beaconglobal.co.nz. Select Blank Forms from the sub-menu.

Will there be anything to pay when my vehicle arrives in New Zealand?

Yes. There'll be customs duty and/or GST, port charges, customs clearance, delivery and admin fees. Depending on your freight arrangements, there'll also be shipping, MAF Quarantine, etc and vehicle certification. While some costs may be paid overseas, there'll always be something to pay in NZ.

Will I need my vehicle cleared through NZ Customs on arrival?

Yes. Just like people, everything that moves across the NZ border requires formal customs clearance, there are few exceptions.

When do I pay you?

Once we've cleared your vehicle through NZ Customs we'll provide you with an invoice that you'll need to pay before your vehicle can be collected from the wharf or depot.

Can I collect my vehicle from the wharf myself?

No. Since the 911 tragedy, worldwide security has become tighter, NZ included. Access to the wharf is restricted and private individuals are no longer permitted in this area. We can arrange collection for you at a reasonable cost.

How is Customs duty calculated?

Duty is calculated at the applicable rate on the FOB

value of the vehicle. The FOB value is first converted to NZ dollars. You should contact us well in advance to find out if duty will apply to your vehicle and what the current applicable rate is.

How is Customs GST calculated?

The rate of GST is applied against the Duty payable + the CIF value of the vehicle. The CIF value is first converted to NZ dollars. This formula was written into legislation by the NZ Government.

What's FOB and CIF?

Read all about international terms like this from our online Resource Centre at www.beaconglobal.co.nz. Select Industry Incoterms from the sub-menu.

What exchange rate is used to convert to NZ dollars for the Customs calculations?

NZ Customs set their own exchange rates every 2 weeks. The rate at the time of clearance will apply.

What documents are needed for customs clearance?

- Suppliers invoice or Bill of Sale for the vehicle
- Bill of Lading or Waybill
- If in a shipping container, a Quarantine Declaration that's been correctly completed, signed & dated by whomever loaded the vehicle into the container
- Cover note from you with
 1. Mileage of vehicle
 2. CC engine rating of vehicle
 3. Whether vehicle is petrol, diesel or electric
 4. Which Service Centre you've chosen
 5. How long you've owned & used the vehicle overseas with evidence to support that term of ownership

Where do I get a Quarantine Declaration form from?

You'll find a blank form in our online Resource Centre at www.beaconglobal.co.nz. Select Blank Forms from the sub-menu.

Who organises getting my vehicle certified for use on New Zealand roads?

You do at your own cost. You'll need to book your vehicle in to your chosen Service Centre and tell us

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who it is so we can have your vehicle delivered straight there from the wharf or depot.

What documents do I need to get my vehicle certified?

You'll need to give your Service Centre the

- Deregistration Certificate or Certificate of Title
- Bill of Lading or Waybill

These documents should have been supplied to you by the person or company you bought the vehicle from.

Should I insure my vehicle while it's in transit?

Yes. Even though it's an extra cost, it provides you with some backup should your vehicle be damaged or lost.

How do I arrange insurance?

You can tell us to arrange cover simply by ticking a box on our "Freight Instructions to Beacon" form. You'll find this form online at www.beaconglobal.co.nz in the Resource Centre. Select Blank Forms from the sub-menu. Note that the vehicle will need to be made available for a condition inspection before shipping.

What if I've never imported before?

No problem. We'll set you up with a NZ Customs importer code which must be obtained before your vehicle can be customs cleared. The earlier we can get this done the better.

What's an importer code and why do I need one?

An importer code is a unique identifying number with NZ Customs much like your IRD number is with Inland Revenue. A customs clearance cannot be done without this code.

Should I have you clear the vehicle in my own name or under a company name?

If you use a GST registered company name, you may be able to claim back any GST paid from Inland Revenue.

Warning: Be very certain of your choice. If you wish to register the vehicle in your own name, you must import it in your own name and all documentation must match.

NZ Transport Agency may reject your registration if the names are mixed up. Without it, you won't be able to use the vehicle on NZ roads and selling it as a result will be difficult.

Can I pack personal belongings or spare parts into the vehicle?

Yes but be aware this will incur additional costs on arrival in NZ. Personal belongings and spare parts also have to be cleared through NZ Customs and may be treated differently to the vehicle. You'll need to provide a detailed packing list for all personal belongings and spare parts will require suppliers invoices or receipts. It's **vital** you tell us if you've packed anything with the vehicle **before** we begin the customs clearance process.

List any further questions you have for us and feel free to get in touch...

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