

HOW TO IMPORT A VEHICLE INTO CANADA

Too confusing and too expensive? Follow these tips to make your experience as smooth as possible!

READY... SET... GO?

Before you commit, make sure you can answer these questions.



CAN YOUR NEW RIDE BE IMPORTED?

Some vehicles aren't admissible into Canada, usually because they can't be modified to meet Transport Canada's Safety Compliance Standards.

IS GREEN TAX APPLICABLE?

In 2007, the Federal Government replaced what used to be a heavy vehicle weight tax with a new "Green Tax" based on fuel consumption. This new excise tax can cost thousands of dollars for certain fuel-inefficient vehicles.



WHAT ARE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS?

If you're buying a vehicle in the U.S., it's imperative for you to understand all rules, regulations, costs and processes involved prior to committing any funds. Visit the Registrar of Imported Vehicles (RIV) website to learn more or enlist the help of a customs broker!

THE CHECKLIST

So you found a sweet deal that meets all requirements... Now what?



CHOOSE YOUR METHOD OF IMPORT

Whether you decide to use commercial transport or drive it across yourself, both require two separate 72-hour export notices to U.S. Customs (paper and electronic).

***Tip:** If you're arranging commercial transport to get your vehicle into Canada, using a customs broker is particularly prudent. If you plan on driving it back yourself, make sure you arrange for insurance and In-Transit Permits.*

PLAN FOR A COMPLIANCE RIV INSPECTION

Entering into the RIV Safety Compliance Program is mandatory for vehicles less than 15 years old.



PREPARE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

You'll need a title, recall letter and bill of sale (valuation), among others. Contact us today to learn more.

Sources: coleintl.com | canada.ca



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