



HONG KONG

Customs hints & clearance procedures on importing motor vehicles into Hong Kong

All right-hand drive motor vehicles imported into Hong Kong seeking first registration with the Transport Department are required to comply with the following requirements:

A) Environmental Standards: You are required to prove that your vehicle fully complies with the Exhaust & Noise Emission Standards, and to submit the application form to the Environmental Protection Department for prior approval with all original supporting documents as follows:

1. Certificate of conformity issued by the vehicle manufacturer;
2. Exhaust emission test report issued within six months by a recognized vehicle emission testing laboratory;
3. Completed Noise Emission Certificate General Approval (NECGA) Form certified by a noise testing laboratory or a competent person;
4. Any other supporting documents acceptable by the Environmental Protection Department.

Exemption:

If you seek exemption from the emission requirements, you are required to fulfill all the following requirements before exemption can be considered:

1. Owned and used the vehicle for a period of not less than 6 months immediately prior to the application;
2. Have a driving license for a period of not less than 6 months issued by the country from where the motor vehicle was last registered;
3. Have resided for a period of not less than 6 months in the country from where the motor vehicle was last registered;
4. Have reasons for importing the vehicle into Hong Kong, such as home delivery, local employment or studies for at least 6 months, or permanent residence, etc;
5. Have not enjoyed such exemption in the previous 5 years.

Submit the application form to the Environmental Protection Department with the following documents:

1. Copy of Vehicle Registration documents showing that you are the owner;
2. Copy of your driving license issued by the country from which the vehicles imported with highlights on the date of issuance;
3. Proof of residence for more than six months in the country from which the vehicle is imported, such as utility bills, telephone bills, etc;
4. Documents showing your rights of residence in Hong Kong, such as permanent resident, working visa, student visa, etc;
5. Other documents which can support your application.

Classic Vehicles:

Classic vehicles for collection purpose seeking exemption from the emission requirements must be manufactured at least 20 years before the date of application, and the engine must be the original engine and powered by unleaded petrol only.

Submit the following documents together with the application form:

1. Copy of Vehicle Registration documents showing date of manufacture, or any other documents showing the same;
2. Documents showing that the vehicle is powered by unleaded petrol only.

Important Notes: