

Information needed to obtain Nonresident Temporary Importation Approval Letter from EPA

Nonconforming motor vehicles may be temporarily imported into the U.S. by a nonresident for personal use by the importer for a period not to exceed one year. Only individual nonresidents may import a vehicle through a nonresident exemption. The conditions of this temporary exemption are:

- Vehicle may not be sold or otherwise transferred to another party in the U.S.;
- Vehicle must be used solely for personal use by the importer and members of the importer's immediate family while in the U.S.;
- Exemption is voided if the vehicle is either used for commercial purposes, or used principally by any person other than the importer (or spouse of the importer); and
- Vehicle must be exported after one year, or upon the nonresident departing the U.S., whichever comes first.

To obtain a Nonresident Temporary Importation Approval Letter from EPA; please provide the following information **in a letter that is signed by the requestor/importer:**

1. Your full name, current foreign address, phone number, Fax number, and email address (if applicable)
2. Your U.S. address, phone number, Fax number, and email address (if applicable)
3. Vehicle year, make, model and Vehicle Identification Number
4. Proof of vehicle ownership (copy of current title or registration from country of origin of the vehicle, Importer and owner needs to be the same).
5. Proof of nonresident status (copy of passport, visa, work permit, or other official document).
6. A statement of the reason for the importation.
7. The duration of the importation.
8. A signed compliance Memorandum (this will be supplied by EPA once we have all of your information). The exemption will not be issued until we receive a signed copy of the memorandum issued by EPA.

Please mail, fax, or email this information to:

EPA Imports Line
Compliance & Innovative Strategies Division
Light Duty Vehicle Programs
2000 Traverwood Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

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**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Declaration Form**

Importation of Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Engines Subject to Federal Air Pollution Regulations

U.S. E.P.A., Compliance & Innovative Strategies Division, 2000 Traverwood Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105 <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/imports> Phone (734) 214-4100; Fax (734) 214-4676.

This form must be submitted to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (Customs) (42 USC 7522, 7601: 19 CFR 12.73) for each motor vehicle (including motorcycles, disassembled vehicles, kit cars, light-duty vehicle/motorcycle engines) imported into the U.S., except that this form is not required for motor vehicles that are imported by their original manufacturer and are new and are covered by an EPA certificate of conformity and bear an EPA emission control label. One form per shipment may be used, with attachments including all information required to fully describe each vehicle or engine as below. Check the box below indicating the provisions under which you are importing this vehicle or engine. Offroad vehicles/engines and heavy-duty engines must use form 3520-21. Note: Although only imports using codes G, I, K, L, M-3, and O require specific written authorization from EPA, Customs may request EPA review of importer documentation and eligibility for any import using this form. A nonconforming vehicle that is ineligible for the exemptions or exclusions listed below, must be imported through an independent commercial importer (ICI) under codes A, C, J, or Z. For codes A, C, J, and Z, EPA does not authorize the release to the vehicle owner.

Penalties: Any person who knowingly makes any false or fraudulent statement, or omits or conceals a material fact can be fined up to \$250,000 or imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both (18 USC 1001). Any person who improperly imports a motor vehicle (including a motorcycle) or engine may be fined up to \$32,500 per vehicle or engine (42 USC 7524), and may be subject to forfeiture of the entire importation bond, if applicable (40 CFR 85.1513), and the U.S. Customs Service may seize the vehicle or engine (19 CFR 162.21).

Description and Declaration of Motor Vehicle or Motor Vehicle Engine (Note: Heavy-duty Engines must use form 3520-21)

1. Port code:	2. Entry date: (mm/dd/yyyy)	3. Customs entry number:	4. Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), or engine serial number:
5. Manufacture date (mm/yyyy):		6. Manufacturer (make):	7. Model:
8. ICI imports only, codes A, C, J, Z - EPA certificate no., model year and expiration date of applicable certificate:			

Names, Addresses, and Telephone Numbers of Relevant Parties

Certification: I certify that I have read and understand the purpose of this form, the penalties for falsely declaring information, or for providing misleading information, or for concealing a material fact. The information I have provided is correct, and all required attachments are appended to this form. I authorize EPA Enforcement Officers to conduct inspections or testing permitted by the Clean Air Act. I am the owner, importer, or agent for the owner or importer.

9. Importer (code B: must be certificate holder or their agent for shipments of new vehicles prior to introduction into commerce; codes A, C, J, Z: must be ICI):	10. Owner:	11. Storage location:	12. Signature:
			13. Date:
			14. Name, company and phone (type or print):

U.S. conforming and "identical" vehicles

- code B - U.S. certified** - unmodified vehicle bearing a U.S. EPA emission control label in engine compartment (or on motorcycle frame) in English.
- code F - U.S. certified, catalyst restoration** - U.S. certified vehicle as described above, except that the catalyst, oxygen sensors or fuel filler neck restrictor were removed or damaged. The importer attests that the catalyst and oxygen sensors and fuel filler neck restrictor, as applicable, will be re-installed or replaced after importation. If leaded gasoline was used, the importer attests that after importation (1) the fuel tank will be drained and refilled with unleaded gasoline, (2) the catalyst and oxygen sensors, if they were left on the vehicle during use of the leaded gasoline, will be replaced, and (3) the fuel filler neck restrictor will be checked and replaced as necessary. No bond or EPA approval is required.
- code EE - identical in all material respects to a U.S. certified version** - either 1) **Canadian** vehicle (proof required e.g. Canadian emission control label, registration or title, or letter from the U.S. or Canadian manufacturer representative on letterhead verifying manufacture for sale in Canada) on EPA list of Canadian "identical" models, or 2) **vehicle from any country** with letter attached to this form from the manufacturer's U.S. representative on letterhead (not a dealer or mechanic) stating that the vehicle is identical to a U.S. EPA certified version with respect to emissions. The importer attests that vehicle is being imported for purposes other than resale or lease. For import of "identical" Canadian vehicles for resale, use **code FF**.
- code FF - Canadian "identical" models imported for resale or lease** - Canadian vehicle as described above appearing on EPA list of Canadian "identical" models, imported for resale or lease. The importer attests that the importer will satisfy applicable labeling, warranty and CAFÉ requirements as specified by EPA.

EPA exempted vehicles

- code M - miscellaneous exemption**, either 1) **Canadian** vehicle as described above (proof required) and the importer is either permanently emigrating to the U.S. or will reside in the U.S. for greater than one year under a worker or student visa, or 2) Canadian vehicle received by U.S. resident through inheritance, or 3) EPA hardship letter based on unforeseen and extraordinary circumstances is attached to this form.
- code E - vehicle at least 21 years old** (calendar year of manufacture subtracted from year of importation) and in original unmodified configuration is either exempted or excluded from EPA emission requirements, depending on age. Vehicles at least 21 years old with replacement engines are not eligible for this exemption unless they contain equivalent or newer EPA certified engines. Customs may require proof of vehicle age.



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Excluded vehicles

- code L - racing vehicle** as determined by EPA and may not be registered or licensed for use on or operated on public roads or highways (40 CFR 85.1511(e)). **EPA letter of approval must be attached to this form.**
- code U -2005 model year (or older) motorcycle, scooter or moped** with engine displacement less than 50cc and with rated speed greater than 5000 rpm.
- code W - non-chassis-mounted engine** to be used in a light-duty vehicle or light-duty truck or motorcycle which is currently covered by an EPA certificate or will be covered by an EPA certificate prior to introduction into commerce.
- code Y - unregulated fuel** - a vehicle that: (1) for model years earlier than 1991 operates on fuel other than gasoline or diesel fuel, or (2) for 1991- 1996 model years operates on fuel other than gasoline or diesel or methanol fuel, or (3) for 1997 and later model years operates on fuel other than gasoline or diesel or methanol or ethanol or compressed natural gas (CNG) or liquid petroleum gas (LPG), including propane. This exemption does not apply to 2004 and later model year vehicles.

Temporary imports

- code G** - imported for **repair or alteration** in accordance with 40 CFR 85.1511(b)(1). May not be registered or licensed for use on, or operated on public roads or highways, or sold or leased in the U.S. **Customs bond required.** EPA requests that the vehicle be bonded for at least its full value. EPA letter of approval must be attached to this form.
- code I** - imported for **testing** purposes in accordance with 40 CFR 85.1511(b)(2). May not be registered or licensed for use on or operated on public roads or highways (except operation that is integral to the purpose of the testing program) or sold or leased in the U.S. **Customs bond required.** EPA requests that the vehicle be bonded for at least its full value. EPA letter of approval must be attached to this form.
- code K** - imported for **display** (solely for public or business purposes, and not for private purposes or U.S. market sales promotions) in accordance with 40 CFR 85.1511(b)(4). May not be registered or licensed for use on or operated on public roads or highways (except operation that is integral to the purpose of the display) or sold or leased in the U.S. **Customs bond required.** EPA requests that the vehicle be bonded for at least its full value. EPA letter of approval must be attached to this form.
- code N** - imported for up to one year by member of the armed forces or personnel of a foreign government on assignment to the U.S., for whom free entry has been authorized in writing by the U.S. Department of State, or a member of the armed forces of a foreign country with official orders for duty in the U.S.
- code O** - imported by nonresident for personal use by an individual for a period up to a year. EPA letter of approval must be attached to this form.

Independent commercial importer (ICI) imports

- code A** - imported by an ICI for modifications in accordance with a valid EPA certificate of conformity issued for the specific make, model, and model year in accordance with 40 CFR 85.1505.
- code C** - imported by an ICI for modification and testing in accordance with 40 CFR 85.1509. Vehicle must be at least 6 years old.
- code J** - imported by an ICI for the purpose of pre-certification testing in order to obtain an EPA certificate of conformity. No EPA approval is required. The ICI has 180 days to obtain a certificate or export (40 CFR 85.1511(b)(3)). **Customs bond required.**
- code Z** - imported by an ICI for the purpose of modifying to be identical to an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) certified version in accordance with written instructions from the OEM that are specific to the vehicle being imported.

OEM imports

- code H** - imported, owned, and controlled directly by an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) on EPA list of OEM certificate holders provided to Customs, for research, development or testing purposes in accordance with 40 CFR 85.1706. This is a temporary exemption without time limit. If the vehicle is subsequently covered by an applicable EPA certificate of conformity, it is released from the restrictions of this exemption.
- code Q** - imported, owned, and controlled directly by an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) on EPA list of OEM certificate holders provided to Customs, for storage pending receipt of the applicable EPA certificate of conformity, which is pending and imminent. Use of this code is no longer permitted once EPA has issued the applicable certificate of conformity.

U.S. Department of Transportation Requirements

Note: Importers of vehicles that are primarily manufactured for use on public roads must also file an HS-7 Declaration form to identify the basis for the vehicle's admission under the laws administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation. For more information, see www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/rules/import/.

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

This information is collected to ensure that motor vehicles and engines imported into the U.S. conform with applicable emission requirements. Responses to this collection are mandatory (40 CFR 85.1501 et seq., and Clean Air Act Sections 203 and 208). Information submitted to the Agency under a claim of confidentiality will be safeguarded according to policies set forth in Title 40, Chapter 1, Part 2, Subpart B. The public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the Director, Collection Strategies Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2822), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Include the OMB control number in any correspondence. Do not send the completed form to this address.



US Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

— DECLARATION —

Importation of Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Equipment Subject to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety, Bumper and Theft Prevention Standards

OMB No. 2127-0002
Public Law 100—562,
49 USC Chap. 301

PORT OF ENTRY	CUSTOMS PORT CODE	CUSTOMS ENTRY NO	ENTRY DATE
MAKE OF VEHICLE	MODEL	YEAR	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN)
REGISTERED IMPORTER NAME AND NHTSA REGISTRATION NUMBER <i>(Required when Box 3 is checked)</i>			VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY NO. <i>(Box 3)</i>
DESCRIPTION OF MERCHANDISE IF MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPMENT			

1. The vehicle is 25 or more years old or the equipment item was manufactured on a date when no applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard or Theft Prevention Standard was in effect.
- Date of manufacture: _____ [591.5(i)]
- 2A. The vehicle or equipment item conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (or the vehicle does not conform solely because readily attachable equipment items that will be attached to it before it is offered for sale to the first purchaser for purposes other than resale are not attached), and Bumper and Theft Prevention Standards, and bears a certification label or tag to that effect permanently affixed by the original manufacturer to the vehicle or affixed by the manufacturer to the equipment item or to its delivery container in accordance with applicable National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) regulations [591.5(b)].
- 2B. The vehicle was certified by its original manufacturer as conforming to all applicable Canadian motor vehicle safety standards and its original manufacturer confirms that the vehicle conforms to all applicable U.S. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety, Bumper, and Theft Prevention Standards (or that it conforms to all such standards except for the labeling requirements of Standards Nos. 101 and 110 or 120, and/or the specifications of Standard No. 108 relating to daytime running lamps), and the vehicle is not a salvage motor vehicle, a repaired salvage motor vehicle, or a reconstructed motor vehicle, and I am importing it for personal use. [591.5(g)].
- Attachment: Copy of manufacturer's confirmation letter.
3. The vehicle does not conform to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety and Bumper Standards, but does conform to applicable Federal Theft Prevention Standards, but I am eligible to import it because NHTSA has determined that the model and model year of the vehicle to be imported is eligible for importation into the United States, and the vehicle is not a salvage motor vehicle or a reconstructed motor vehicle, and I have furnished a bond, which is attached to this declaration, in an amount equal to 150 percent of the entered value of the vehicle as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury. If the Administrator of NHTSA determines that the vehicle has not been brought into conformity with all such standards within 120 days after importation, then I state that I will deliver such vehicle to the Secretary of Homeland Security for export, or abandon it to the United States [591.8]; and that
- a. I have registered with NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR Part 592 and such registration is not suspended and has not been revoked; or
- b. I have executed a contract or other agreement, which is attached to this declaration, with an importer who has registered with NHTSA and whose registration is not suspended and has not been revoked. [591.5(f)]
- Attachments: Copy of DOT Bond; and
Copy of Contract with a Registered Importer, if applicable.
4. The vehicle or equipment does not conform to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety, Bumper and Theft Prevention Standards, but is intended solely for export and is labeled for export on the vehicle or equipment item, and the outside of any container of the vehicle or equipment item bears a label or tag to that effect. [591.5(c)]
5. The vehicle or equipment does not conform to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety, Bumper and Theft Prevention Standards, but I am eligible to import it because all of the following conditions exist:
- a. I am a nonresident of the United States and the vehicle is registered in a country other than the United States;
- b. I am temporarily importing the vehicle for personal use for a period not to exceed 1 year, and will not sell it during that time; and
- c. I will export it not later than the end of 1 year after entry, and the declaration contains my passport number and country of issue. [591.5(d)]
- d. Passport No. _____ Country of Issue _____
6. The vehicle does not conform to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety, Bumper, and Theft Prevention Standards, but I am eligible to import it because all of the following conditions exist:
- a. I am a member of a foreign government on assignment in the United States, or a member of the Secretariat of a public international organization so designated under the International Organizations Immunities Act, and within the class of persons for whom free entry of motor vehicles has been authorized by the Department of State;
- b. I am importing the vehicle on a temporary basis for my personal use, and will register it through the Office of Foreign Missions of the Department of State;
- c. I will not sell the vehicle to any person in the United States, other than a person eligible to import a vehicle under this paragraph;
- d. I will obtain from the Office of Foreign Missions of the State Department, before departing the United States at the conclusion of a tour of duty, an ownership title to the vehicle good for export only; and
- e. I have attached a copy of my official orders. [591.5(h)(1)]
- Name of Embassy: _____
- Attachment: Copy of Official Orders.
7. The vehicle or equipment does not conform to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety and Bumper Standards, but is being imported solely for the purpose of research, investigations, demonstrations or training, or competitive racing events, and I state that I will comply with the applicable restrictions on importers of such merchandise as specified in 49 CFR 591.7 and I will provide the Administrator with documentary proof of export or destruction not later than 30 days following the end of the period for which the vehicle has been admitted into the United States. [591.5(j)]
- Attachment:
- a. Copy of NHTSA permission letter if the importer is not an original manufacturer of motor vehicles (or a wholly owned subsidiary thereof) that are certified to conform to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS). Use on the public roads must be authorized specifically. [591.6(f)(1) or (2)];
- b. Importer's statement describing the use to be made of the vehicle or equipment item if the importer is an original manufacturer of motor vehicles (or a wholly owned subsidiary thereof) that are certified to conform to all applicable FMVSS. If use on the public roads is an integral part of the purpose for which the vehicle or equipment item is imported, the statement shall describe the purpose that makes such use necessary, state the estimated period of time during which use of the vehicle or equipment item on the public roads is necessary, and state the intended means of final disposition (and disposition date) of the vehicle or equipment item after completion of the purpose for which it is imported. [591.6(f)(3)]
8. The vehicle was not manufactured primarily for use on the public roads and thus is not a motor vehicle subject to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety, Bumper, and Theft Prevention Standards or the equipment item is not a system, part, or component of a motor vehicle and thus is not an item of motor vehicle equipment subject to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. [591.5(a)]
- Attachment: Importer's statement substantiating that the vehicle was not manufactured for use on the public roads, or that the equipment item was not manufactured for use on a motor vehicle or is not an item of motor vehicle equipment. [591.6(a)]
9. The vehicle or equipment item requires further manufacturing operations to perform its intended function, other than the addition of readily attachable equipment items such as mirrors, wipers, or tire and rim assemblies, or minor finishing operations such as painting, and any part of such vehicle that is required to be marked by the Theft Prevention Standard is marked in accordance with that standard. [591.5(e)]
- Attachment: For a vehicle, a copy of the Incomplete Vehicle Document, issued by the incomplete vehicle manufacturer, providing guidance on completing the vehicle so that it conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS). For an equipment item, a statement issued by the item's manufacturer identifying the applicable FMVSS to which the item does not conform and describing the further manufacturing required for the item to perform its intended function. [591.6(b)].
10. The vehicle does not conform to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety and Bumper Standards but is being imported solely for the purpose of show and display, and I state that I will comply with all applicable restrictions on importers of such vehicles as specified in 49 CFR 591.7. [591.5(j)].
- Attachment: Copy of NHTSA Permission Letter.
11. The equipment item is subject to the Theft Prevention Standard and is marked in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 541. [591.5(k)]
12. The vehicle does not conform to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety, Bumper, and Theft Prevention Standards, but I am eligible to import it because all of the following conditions exist:
- a. I am a member of the armed forces of a foreign country on assignment in the United States;
- b. I am importing the vehicle on a temporary basis, and for my personal use;
- c. I will not sell the vehicle to any person in the United States, other than a person eligible to import a vehicle under this paragraph;
- d. I will export the vehicle upon departing the United States at the conclusion of my tour of duty; and
- e. I have attached a copy of my official orders. [591.5(h)(2)]
- Attachment: Copy of Official Orders.
13. The vehicle does not conform to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety and Bumper Standards, but does conform to applicable Federal Theft Prevention Standards, and I am eligible to import it because I am registered with NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR Part 592 and such registration is not suspended and has not been revoked, I have informed NHTSA that I intend to petition, or I have petitioned, that agency to decide that the vehicle to be imported is eligible for importation, and NHTSA has granted me permission in writing to import the vehicle for that purpose. If the Administrator of NHTSA dismisses my petition, or decides that the vehicle is not eligible for importation, or if I withdraw my petition or I fail to submit a petition covering the vehicle within 180 days from the date of entry, then I state that I will deliver such vehicle, unless it is destroyed, to the Secretary of Homeland Security for export, or abandon it to the United States, within 30 days from the date of the dismissal, denial, or withdrawal of my petition, as appropriate, or within 210 days from the date of entry if I fail to submit a petition covering the vehicle. If the Administrator of NHTSA grants my petition, then I state that within 15 days from the date that I am notified of that decision, I will furnish a bond, in an amount equal to 150 percent of the entered value of the vehicle as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, unless the vehicle is destroyed, to ensure that I will bring the vehicle into conformity with all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety and Bumper standards within 120 days from the date the petition is granted, or will deliver the vehicle to the Secretary of Homeland Security for export, or abandon it to the United States. If the vehicle is destroyed, then I state that I will furnish NHTSA with documentary proof of that destruction within 15 days from the date that it occurs.
- Attachment: Copy of NHTSA permission letter.

NAME OF IMPORTER <i>(Please type)</i>	IMPORTER'S ADDRESS <i>(Street, City, State, Zip Code)</i>	
NAME OF DECLARANT <i>(Please type)</i>	DECLARANT'S ADDRESS	
DECLARANT'S CAPACITY	DECLARANT'S SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED

EPA Requirements: Importers of motor vehicles/engines and nonroad vehicles/engines/equipment must also submit EPA form 3520-1 or 3520-21 to U.S. Customs and Border Protection to identify the basis for importation into the United States and U.S. territories under the laws administered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. For more information, please see www.epa.gov/otaq/imports/index.htm.