



## MOVING A VEHICLE FROM CANADA TO THE UNITED STATES



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#### Self-Propelled Vehicles, ATV's, Snowmobiles and Motorcycles

Before a vehicle can be imported into the United States, the importer must ensure that it complies with all U.S. safety standards under the Motor Vehicle Safety Act, to bumper standards under the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act and to air pollution control standards under the Clean Air Act. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) have very detailed requirements that can make importing a vehicle difficult, especially if the vehicles were not originally manufactured for the U.S. market.

Vehicles entering the United States that do not conform to U.S. safety standards must be brought into compliance, exported or destroyed. If a vehicle does not comply to U.S. safety standards or if the manufacturer refuses to provide a letter of compliance, then a registered importer will need to be used. Nonconforming vehicles less than 25 years old entering the U.S. must be brought into compliance, exported or destroyed. Vehicles over 25 years old are exempt from EPA and DOT requirements, however the EPA and DOT forms still need to be submitted. The U.S. Department of Agriculture also requires that the undercarriage of imported vehicles be free of foreign soil to prevent the importation of dangerous pests. Therefore the vehicle should be cleaned prior to shipping. Please also note that vehicles should NOT be used as a shipping container! The vehicle must be free of personal items. This includes spare tires, a jack, tools etc.

#### Required Customs Documents

The documents that are required to import a vehicle from Canada to the United States will depend on the importer's status in the U.S. and the country in which the vehicle was manufactured.

#### Returning U.S. Citizens

- 3299 Form, Vehicle Owner's picture page of passport

#### Canadian Citizens

- 3299 Form, Vehicle Owner's picture page of passport, U.S. Visa and I-94

#### Foreign Citizens

- 3299 Form, Vehicle Owner's picture page of passport, Proof of status in Canada, U.S. Visa and I-94



## Required Vehicle Customs Documents

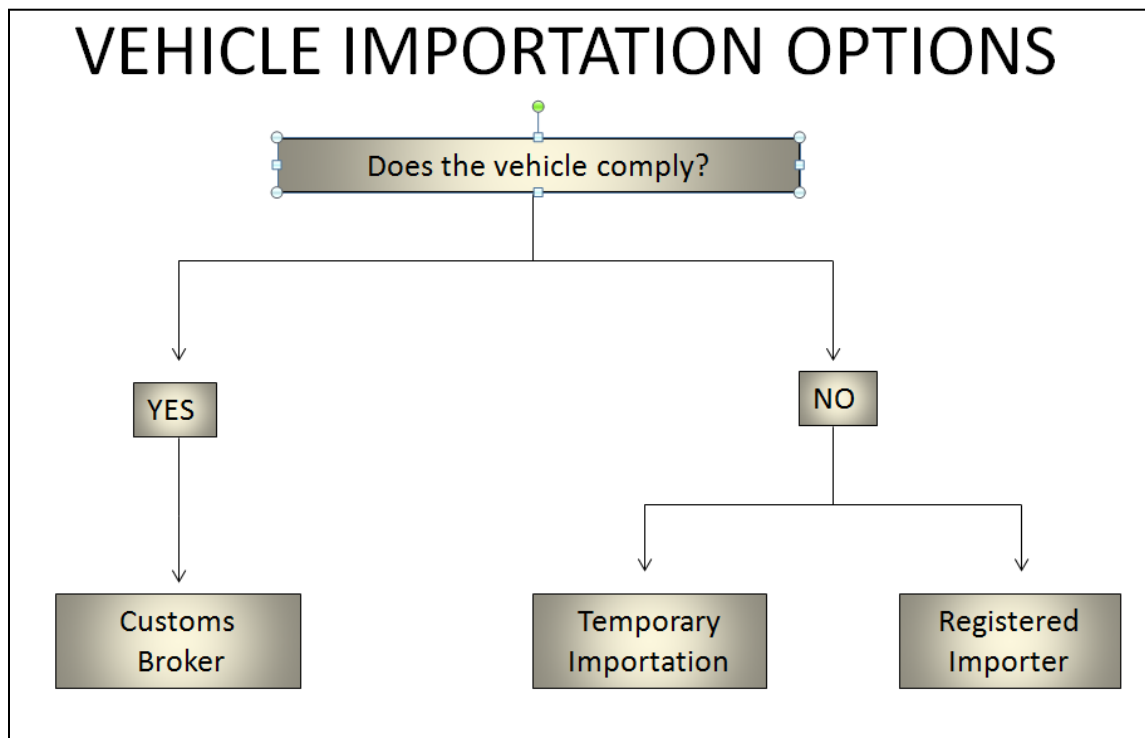
### U.S. Purchased Vehicle

- A copy of the Original Certificate of Title (original stays with the car)
- Bill of Sale
- Lien Holder Permission to Export Letter (if applicable)
- EPA and HS-7 forms

### Canadian Purchased Vehicle

- A copy of the Canadian registration (original stays with the car)
- Bill of Sale
- Letter of Compliance from the Manufacturer
- Lien Holder Permission to Export Letter (if applicable)
- EPA and HS-7 forms

## Vehicle Importation Options



## Using a Customs Broker

- By using a customs broker, we can obtain the CBP form 7501 (formal entry) for the importer so they do not have to go to CBP themselves.
- A valid SSN is needed in order to use a Customs Broker.
- There will be additional charges. Please contact UVL dispatch for a rate.
- We will require the same documents below:
  - Completed 3299 form
  - Supplemental Declaration form
  - Power of Attorney
  - EPA and DOT (HS-7) forms
  - Letter of Compliance
  - Bill of Lading
  - Vehicle Registration
  - Bill of Sale
  - Driver's License
  - Passport
  - Visa/I-94 (if applicable)

## Temporary Importation

- Non-residents and Visitors may import their vehicle duty-free for personal use up to one year.
- If the vehicles imported under this provision do not conform to U.S. Safety and Emission Standards, then they must be exported within one year and must not be sold in the U.S.
- There is no exemption or extension of these export requirements.
- Same documents will be required as listed above, however the importer's passport number and the name of the country that issued the passport must be supplied on the DOT (HS-7) Declaration form (Box 5).

## Registered Importer

- If the vehicle does not comply then a Registered Importer will need to be used.
- Not all vehicles can be brought into compliance. It is sometimes impossible or impractical.
- Using an RI is very expensive!!!
- For a list of Registered Importers, refer to this website <http://www.nhtsa.gov/>.

Environmental Protection Agency

Imports Department

734-214-4100

[www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

Department of Transportation

Vehicle Imports

202-366-5291

[www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)

U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER  
PROTECTION

1-877-227-5511

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