



Importation of a private motor vehicle into the United Kingdom on transfer of residence from outside the European Community (EC)

This form is for you to declare your vehicle to Customs and to claim any relief from duty and VAT that may apply on transfer of your residence. The relief is explained in Customs Notice 3 *Bringing your belongings and private motor vehicle into the United Kingdom from outside the European Community*. Please complete all the particulars and the declaration and present it to us together with the documents (eg foreign licensing or insurance documents), which prove that you have possessed and used the vehicle outside the EC for the qualifying period.

If you want a copy of Notice 3 or more information, ask our National Advice Service (Tel: 0845 010 9000).

This form and Notice 3 are also available on our Internet website www.hmce.gov.uk.

Particulars of motor vehicle			Particulars of any caravan, trailer, small craft etc. attached
Make and model (eg Ford Mondeo 1.8 LX)	Left or right hand drive	Colour	
Previous UK registration No. (if appropriate)	Engine number	Chassis number (VIN)	
Foreign registration number	Year of manufacture	Date of 1st registration when new	Optional extras (eg ABS, automatic transmission etc.)

Particulars of importer

		YES	NO			YES	NO
<i>Tick appropriate box ✓</i>				<i>Tick appropriate box ✓</i>			
1. Have you: a) had your normal home (see note below) outside the EC for a continuous period of twelve (12) months? and b) possessed and used the vehicle outside the EC for at least six (6) months?				5. Are you a travelling sales representative for a company importing the vehicle for business and pleasure purposes?			
2. Was the vehicle supplied tax free when new? If yes, when you took delivery of the vehicle were you one of the following: a) a diplomat? b) a member of an officially recognised international organisation? c) a member of NATO forces or civilian component? and are you able to provide evidence of this?				6. a) Have you spent any time in the EC during the past six (6) months? b) Has the vehicle been brought into the EC during that time?			
3. Have all customs duties, VAT etc been paid on the vehicle either in the country of origin or in the country from which it is now being imported?				7. From what date have you possessed and used the vehicle outside the EC?			
4. Have these taxes been refunded or will they be refunded?				8. On what date did the vehicle arrive in the EC?			
				9. On what date did your stay in the EC start?			
				10. On what date did the vehicle arrive in the United Kingdom?			
				11. How long do you expect your stay in the EC to last?			
				12. Which EC country will be your home?			

Note: Your normal home is regarded as the place where you usually live for at least one hundred and eighty-five (185) days in a period of twelve (12) months because of your personal and occupational ties. But if you have no occupational ties, or your occupational and personal ties are in different countries, then your normal home is where your personal ties are. (However if you are a UK citizen working outside the EC, your normal home can be where you are working so long as you have lived there for 185 days or more in a period of 12 months). As an example if you are a UK citizen returning with your family after working in the USA for 5 years, your normal home is the USA.

The countries of the EC are:
Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Irish Republic, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Although they have close links with the EC the following are regarded as outside the EC for VAT purposes: the Åland Islands, Andorra, the Canary Islands, the Channel Islands, French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mount Athos, Reunion, San Marino and Turkey.

Declaration by Importer

I (full name in BLOCK LETTERS) declare that the particulars given above are true and complete, and that I am transferring my normal home to the EC. I claim delivery of the motor vehicle detailed above without payment of customs duty and value added tax, upon the condition that within a period of one year from the date on which relief is granted, the vehicle will be retained by me for my own personal use and will not be lent, hired-out, given as security or transferred without notifying HM Customs and Excise and paying duty and VAT on disposal. I understand that if there is a breach of the above conditions the motor vehicle described above will be liable to forfeiture.

Signature of importer Date United Kingdom telephone number

Address in the United Kingdom (including flat number, if applicable)

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