

Additional information on Vehicles imported in Spain on a Change of Residence of owner.

This information is valid for an auto shipped as part of the relocation of an owner, with due and proper proof of Consular Change of Residence and testimony of registration abroad for more than one (1) year. The vehicle must have been owned for more than 6 months to opt for a Duty and VAT free admission, and the odometer should read logical expected usage mileage for that time. If the importation of a vehicle is a commercial operation, we regret that we could not be of help as the client should hire a Customs broker for this.

Please review the enclosed documentation for Importation of vehicles on a Change of Residence situation.

Autos are always handed out at Terminals. The Spanish Municipal Authorities do not admit unloading autos off a container in town. This operation must be done mandatorily at an adequate site, so the autos will be released and handed out to the owner at Terminals only where this operation is possible. Towing may be needed (nor part of our services).

The original of the Title is needed for clearance. Also the original Purchase Invoice. The vehicle must have valid original Licence Plates or we will not be able to handle. Towing services are not included as the client can opt to drive them off the Terminal if proper Third party insurance is available (this insurance is compulsory per the laws of the European Union). Road laws in Spain are stiff and drivers can face serious penalties if driving without a valid Drivers Licence or with no compulsory auto insurance. In absence of any of these requisites, the vehicles should only be towed. We can organize towing of vehicles at a cost of Euros 295,00 per piece for handout to the client up to 20 km radius of the terminals. This service is not directly provided by our company, and we can gladly help the client to obtain any other reliable towing service provider, yet these costs are not part of our contract.

Once the auto has cleared Customs, the owner must report it to the local Vehicle Technical Inspection station in Spain. There are many of these Stations (called ITV) in each province, and always one close to the client's residence). ITV is a similar body to the EPA/DoT in USA, and they perform tests to validate them for E.U. safety and emission rules of the vehicles. If not successful, conversions will be required. All autos manufactured for other non European Union markets will require modifications.

The client can only drive the auto with original Plates while the above process takes place and under the short (usually about 2 week) period set by Customs. We remind that legal *Third-party* Liability insurance coverage on the vehicle, which is mandatory in Spain is required.

Once the Technical Inspection is approved, the owner must apply for Registration with the Road Department of Spain, called Dirección General de Tráfico - www.dgt.es still within the deadline fixed by Customs, in order to obtain the legal Spanish Licence Plates. This Auto Registration can be subject to a fee of about 15 percent of the vehicle's C.I.F. value (less depreciations). That fee has nothing to do with any Customs Duty and Tax Free entry possibly granted on a Change of Residence the client might be entitled to. Such fees and taxes are never included in the transportation contract as the process is not part of such transportation service, nor the inspection fees or any of the like. These should be funded by the client exclusively as they are not part of our responsibility.

Finally, if the auto is admitted on a Duty/VAT free basis, the above Registration fee could also be legally waived, per current Spanish Tax Office (*Agencia Tributaria*) Regulations but there is a time limit for it. This information to the client goes as a free advice but it is beyond our professional moving limits and offered as a proactive plus to our clients. Our company does not accept any responsibility on its accuracy and on the possible rights of the owner to obtain such benefit. Adequate counsel should be available from specialized Automobile Broker agents ... known as "**Gestorías**", in Spain, or also consult with the Spanish Tax Office Website on "*Impuesto sobre Determinados Medios de Transporte*" (www.agenciatributaria.es). This Web is in Spanish language only.

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