

## **IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES INTO SOUTH AFRICA.**

### LETTER OF AUTHORITY.

Please note that a "Letter of Authority" (LOA) issued by the South African Bureau of Standards in Pretoria, has to be submitted to Customs at the time of clearance for all motor vehicles (including motor cycles) imported into South Africa.

### RE-IMPORTS.

In the case of cars that are being re-imported into South Africa after being exported, the export documents are required for clearance by customs.

### VEHICLES PURCHASED ABROAD.

Proof is required that the vehicle was purchased twelve (12) months prior to importation into South Africa and must also clearly state the value of the vehicle.\*

### TEMPORARY IMPORTS.

If the vehicle is brought in on a temporary basis (in other words will be exported again) proof of purchase is also needed, stating the value of the vehicle, on which a provisional payment will be made to customs, pending the re-exportation of the vehicle. \*

\* If there is no proof of purchase, three (3) evaluations on the vehicle must be obtained from motor dealers.

### **NOTE :**

Left-hand drive vehicles manufactured from January 2000 may not be imported into South Africa.

**IMPORTANT NEW REGULATION:** Motor vehicles **MUST** be cleared (by the client) with the SABS **prior** to shipment to South Africa and this also applies to vehicles that have been exported from South Africa. This also applies to Botswana and Swaziland.

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