

MOTOR CARS, MOTOR CYCLES

To qualify for tax-free entry immigrants must be first time residents and hold a permanent residency visa in their passport. The vehicle must have been owned and used overseas for a minimum period of 12 months prior to handing it in for shipment or the client's departure from overseas country (whichever is the earliest). The vehicle must be for the client's personal use in New Zealand and not for sale, gift or disposal. The client will be personally required to attend an interview with Customs at the vehicle's port of entry. They will need to produce their passport, purchase invoice (or receipt), motor vehicle clearance and overseas registration papers. They will be required to sign a "Deed of Covenant" that if they sell the vehicle within two years they agree to pay tax owing on the car.

If a returning New Zealander is importing the motor vehicle then Goods & Services Tax (GST) must be paid regardless of length of ownership and period of absence from New Zealand (unless vehicle originally exported from New Zealand). The importer must produce a copy of the purchase invoice (or receipt) and overseas registration papers. There is a depreciation allowance for tax assessment granted depending on length of ownership overseas provided vehicle owned for a minimum of 3 months. Shipping and marine insurance premiums form part of GST calculation. As vehicles are tax paid they can be sold immediately after importation.

All vehicles that have been registered outside of New Zealand after December 1981 must have a Statement of Compliance completed by the manufacturer to confirm that it meets the standards required in New Zealand. Further information can be found on the Land Transport Safety Authority website at www.ltsa.govt.nz

PETS

You will be required to provide a Health Certificate and your pet will be subject to strict quarantine regulations.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Narcotics, Pistols and revolvers. Ivory in any form. Tortoise or sea turtle shell. Meat or other food made from whales, dolphins, rare cranes, pheasants or sea turtles. Medicines using musk or rhinoceros or tiger derivatives such as ground horn or bone. Cat skins or coats. Plants. Pornography.

FIREARMS

For used rifles and shotguns, a permit must be obtained from firearm officers at the local Police Station.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information, visit the website on www.customs.govt.nz

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For further information, please contact your local branch of The International Moving Company on 0800 622519.