

## PROCEDURES ON IMPORTATION AND REGISTRATION OF A CLASSIC CAR

### DEFINITION OF CLASSIC CARS

1. Classic cars are defined as those that are at least 35 years old from the original date of registration, i.e. the first date of registration in a foreign country.

### **SINGAPORE CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS**

#### INWARD DECLARATION

2. All motor vehicles imported into Singapore require Inward Declaration Permits (DP). A Singapore Customs DP must be submitted through the Tradenet System for approval. A permit fee of \$10 is payable through inter-bank GIRO. For further details, please contact Singapore Customs Call Centre at Tel: 6355 2000.

#### RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY AND GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)

3. The rate of customs duty payable for a motor car is 20% of Open Market Value (OMV). In addition, a 5% GST will be levied.

#### ASSESSMENT OF OMV

4. The OMV is assessed by the Singapore Customs taking into account the purchase price, freight, insurance, handling and all other charges incidental to the sale and delivery of the car in Singapore. Incidental charges include the inspection and documentation fees, internal taxes, cost of accessories, commission etc., which have been paid on the said car. For the purpose of duty assessment, the following documents may be required to be submitted to Appraisal Section, Singapore Customs, 55 Newton Road #10-01 Revenue House, Singapore 307987:-

- a. Original purchase invoice;
- b. Freight and insurance papers;
- c. Bills/receipts relating to other incidental charges;
- d. Vehicle's registration document; and
- e. A letter from a competent authority confirming the date of manufacture of the car (if the vehicle registration document does not state such information).

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5. For further information on assessment of OMV and payment of Customs duty, please contact the Assessment Officer of Singapore Customs at Tel: 63552013.

## **TECHNICAL AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

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6. All classic cars must meet the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) Rules and the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Lighting) Rules. The classic car should be right-hand drive, in pristine condition and restored to its original state. No alterations, conversions or modifications to the vehicle in any way should be performed prior to its importation here. No kit cars such as replicas or cars rebuilt with old and/or new parts will be allowed. The following concessions are given to classic cars:

- a. Waiver of compliance with the European Union Directive 96/69/EEC, i.e., Euro II standards for exhaust emission, as such cars are unlikely to meet the standards; and
- b. Where the technical requirements do not affect the safety of the cars and the cars cannot meet the requirements fully, these may be relaxed on a case-by-case basis

7. The importer would be required to submit an application for vehicle approval through Vehicle Inspection and Type Approval System (VITAS) at the Vehicle Engineering Department's service counter where an application fee will be charged. Documents to be submitted for verification include:

- a. Original purchase invoice;
- b. Freight and insurance papers;
- c. Inward Declaration Permit;
- d. Bills/receipts relating to other incidental charges;
- e. Vehicle's registration document;
- f. Detailed technical specifications of the vehicle;
- g. A letter from a competent authority confirming the date of manufacture of the car (if the vehicle registration document does not state such information)

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8. Once in-principle approval has been given, the vehicle shall be sent for an inspection at any of the LTA authorised vehicle inspection centres where an inspection fee will be charged.

9. After final approval has been granted, a Vehicle Approval Code (VAC) will be issued. With this VAC, the importer may proceed to register the vehicle. For more details of VITAS, please refer to our website at <https://vitas.lta.gov.sg>

#### REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

10. Any person who wishes to register an imported classic car must pay 10% of the Prevailing Quota Premium (PQP) of the relevant vehicle category applicable at time of registration:

Category A	:	Cars with engine capacity of 1600 cc & below
Category B	:	Cars with engine capacity of more than 1,600 cc

For further details on PQP, please contact our Customer Service Hotlines at 1800-CALL-LTA (1800-225 5582) or visit our website at [www.onemotoring.com.sg](http://www.onemotoring.com.sg).

11. With the VAC given by VITAS, you may proceed to submit your application for registration of your classic car to:

Registration Section  
Counters 20 and 21  
1<sup>st</sup> Storey  
10 Sin Ming Drive  
Singapore 575701

12. The documents to be submitted to register your classic car are:

- a. Duly completed “Application for Registration and Licensing of a Motor Vehicle” form;
- b. Original NRIC (for Singaporean & Malaysian) or original passport (foreigner only) or Certified True Copy of the Company Registration Certificate (if owner is a business or company);
- c. Vehicle registration document issued by the foreign vehicle registration authority;
- d. Singapore Customs Declaration Permits;
- e. Original certificate of motor insurance, covering the full licensing period (i.e. from date of registration to the end of the calendar year);

- f. Notification letter on the successful retention/bidding for a vehicle registration number (if applicable); and
- g. Receipt for the customs/excise duty and GST paid (if applicable).

13. Upon submission of the application, a vehicle registration number will be assigned to the vehicle unless you had either retained or successfully bid for a vehicle registration number for your classic car

14. Upon being advised of the vehicle registration number assigned to your classic car, you may proceed to affix the classic car registration number plates, i.e. white letterings on red and yellow background, on your vehicle. The number plates must then be sealed at any authorised vehicle inspection centre who will issue you with a seal inspection certificate which you have to submit to our Registration Section staff.

15. At registration of your classic car, a valid road tax disc, Singapore vehicle registration document and a pro-rated (from registration date till 31 December of the calendar year) number of day licences will be issued to you.

#### **TAXES AND FEES PAYABLE**

16. The following vehicle fees and taxes will be payable upon registration:

Registration Fee	= \$140
Additional Registration Fee	= 110% of OMV
COE	= 10% of the relevant PQP
Road tax	= \$280 per year (pro-rated to end of calendar year, if applicable)
Radio licence	= \$27 per year (if applicable)

17. The road tax expiry date for all classic cars is set at 31 December of each year. The cars must also undergo and pass vehicle and seals inspection biennially.

#### **RESTRICTION OF USAGE AND CONDITIONS**

18. The usage of Classic Car is restricted to a maximum of 28 days (inclusive of Sundays and public holidays) in a calendar year. A valid day licence must be displayed for each day of usage. The day licences are valid for use only within their calendar year of issue. They are non-transferable, non-exchangeable and no refund will be given for any unused day licences, i.e. a day licence holds no value, be it in cash or in kind.

19. Classic cars cannot be re-registered as a normal car or off-peak car.

20. Classic cars also cannot be placed under non-user (i.e. laid-up).

21. A classic car must have a valid In-Vehicle Unit (IU) installed and a cashcard of sufficient monetary value inserted into the IU if the vehicle is to be used on an ERP-priced road during the ERP operational hours.