

* * * AUTOMOBILES * * *

1. For ready reference and without quoting any of the technical regulations involved, Trade Commissioners are provided with the following information which affects their use of private cars in Canada free of duties and taxes:

(a) Bringing A Car Home From Abroad

In order to qualify for entry into Canada free of duties and taxes a Trade Commissioner must have owned the vehicle for at least 6 months prior to the date on which the vehicle is cleared through the Canadian port of entry. By "owned" is meant "in the Trade Commissioner's actual personal possession".

Additionally, the Trade Commissioner must undertake not to sell the car until at least 1 year after it has been imported.

(b) Ocean Freight On Cars Brought To Canada

There is no authority under which the Department can pay ocean freight charges on a car being shipped to Canada.

(c) Buying A Car In Canada To Take Abroad

If a Trade Commissioner takes delivery in Canada of a car he is going to use abroad, the length of time he may use it in Canada is limited. For Trade Commissioners who are on temporary duty or leave in Canada between postings, the car may stay in Canada for 90 days. However, for Trade Commissioners who are being posted abroad after a tour of duty in Canada, and hence are classified as residents, the car may only be used for 30 days in Canada.

2. Responsibility for all arrangements concerning privately-owned automobiles rests with the individual Trade Commissioner

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