

**CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON THE TEMPORARY IMPORTATION OF PRIVATE ROAD VEHICLES**

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The Contracting States,  
Desiring to facilitate the development of international touring,  
Having regard to the aims of the Convention on Road Traffic, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Road and Motor Transport held at Geneva from 23 August to 19 September, 1949, and opened for signature at Geneva on 19 September, 1949,  
Have decided to conclude a Convention and have agreed upon the following provisions:

**CHAPTER I**

**DEFINITIONS**

**ARTICLE 1**

For the purpose of this Convention:

- (a) The term "import duties and import taxes" shall mean not only Customs duties but also all duties and taxes whatever chargeable by reason of importation;
- (b) The term "vehicles" shall, unless the context otherwise requires, mean all road motor vehicles (including cycles with engines) and trailers (whether imported with the vehicle or separately), together with their component parts, and normal accessories and equipment, when imported with the vehicle;
- (c) The term "private use" shall exclude the transport of persons for remuneration, reward or other consideration and the industrial or commercial transport of goods with or without remuneration;
- (d) The term "temporary importation papers" shall include the Customs document showing the guarantee or deposit of import duties and import taxes;
- (e) The term "persons" shall mean both natural and legal persons unless the context otherwise requires.

**CHAPTER II**

**IMPORTATION WITHOUT PAYMENT OF IMPORT DUTIES AND IMPORT TAXES AND FREE OF IMPORT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS**

**ARTICLE 2**

1. Each of the Contracting States shall grant temporary admission without payment of import duties and import taxes and free of import prohibitions and restrictions, subject to re-exportation and to the other conditions laid down in this Convention, to vehicles owned by persons normally resident outside its territory which are imported and utilized, for their private use on the occasion of a temporary visit, either by the owners of the vehicles or by other persons normally resident outside its territory.

2. Such vehicles shall be covered by temporary importation papers guaranteeing payment of import duties and import taxes, and if the case should arise, of any Customs penalties incurred, subject to the special provision of paragraph 4 of article 27.