

(4) Heads of Missions

(a) **Privileges.** The privileges exercised by Heads of Mission are to be the same as those exercised by other diplomatic or consular staff, even where the host government provides less restrictive treatment to the Head of Mission in such areas as, for example, import value, engine size, frequency of import and resale permission.

(b) **Authorizations.** For the purposes of this Directive, any requirement for authorization by the Head of Mission shall be read, in respect of the Head of Mission, as a requirement for the authorization by the Assistant Deputy Minister – Personnel.

(5) Purchase or Importation Privilege. Each employee may be permitted to purchase or import two PMVs under diplomatic or consular privilege, during a posting of up to four years; however, each employee of an employee-couple may purchase or import only one PMV under diplomatic or consular privilege during a posting of up to four years.

(6) Replacement Vehicle. Special authorization may be sought from the Head of Mission, to purchase or import a replacement vehicle under diplomatic or consular privilege, in the case where a PMV purchased or imported under the preceding article is stolen, severely damaged or written-off as the result of an accident.

(7) Local Sales. The following restrictions shall apply to the sale abroad of PMVs purchased or imported under diplomatic or consular privilege.

(a) **Personal Use.** The employee must establish to the satisfaction of the head of Mission that the vehicle was in fact for the personal use of the employee and the employee's spouse or dependants, and that the declared odometer reading is consistent with such use.

(b) **Time Limits.** The local sale of vehicles may be authorized no earlier than six months before departure for an employee on a two or three-year posting; or only after 30 months at post for an employee on a four-year posting, except in cases of early termination of posting.

(c) **Quantity.** Each employee may sell only one vehicle locally for non-convertible currency. Any additional vehicle may be sold locally for convertible currency only; otherwise the vehicle must be exported from the host country.

(8) Records. All records pertaining to the purchase, importation and sale of PMVs, including the applicable forms, shall be retained at the mission for a period of at least five years, and available for review.

(9) Application. This Directive applies at all Canadian missions abroad.

(a) **Special Provisions.** The Deputy Head may however determine that local circumstances require special provisions in relation to the purchase, importation and sale of PMVs at specified missions.

(b) **Exemptions.** Upon the recommendation of the Head of Mission, where the mission can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Deputy Head that there is no potential for abuse of diplomatic or consular privilege or transgression of the standards of conduct enunciated herein on the local resale of a PMV, exemption from articles 5 and 7 may be granted.

2.14.3 Directive on the purchase, importation and sale abroad of PERSONAL GOODS (other than personal motor vehicles) under diplomatic or consular privileges

(1) Principle. The purchase, importation and sale abroad of personal goods are to be in conformity with Canadian laws, regulations, the Conflict of Interest code for the Public Service and the standards of