

from the place of duty abroad. This includes the cost of transportation and insurance. Registration of the vehicle may be in your own name or in the name of any one of your accompanying dependents. There is no minimum ownership period required. Cars may be shipped to the post from anywhere in the world but the maximum amount payable can not exceed the cost of shipment between your place of duty in Canada and the post. Note that your vehicle will have to meet the Carrier's shipping specifications and the shipment over a prescribed cubic measurement limitation may entail personal costs.

No doubt you have already made a lot of enquiries about what personal considerations are involved with car shipment, ownership and operation in countries where conditions differ markedly from Canada. Here are some important things to think about:

- How much can I afford to spend?
- Left Hand vs. Right Hand Drive
- Resale value at the end of the posting
- Host country's regulations concerning disposal, registration, environmental control
- Am I eligible for duty-free purchases, sales-tax waivers or any special discounts?
- Will duty be payable at the time of return to Canada?
- Will the vehicle meet Canadian Safety and Emission Control specifications when its time to come home?
- What type of vehicle would best be suited to the state of the roads at the post?
- What about the quality of service and repairs? Are spare parts readily available and reasonably priced?
- Are good used cars available for purchase at the post?

Before you decide on buying a new car or shipping your present one, have another look at the Post Report and discuss the issue during Rounds. You should also read Section 2.3.7 of this Handbook which discusses the Removal Arrangements for automobile shipment and some of the problems that may occur.

Crown Held Automobiles

There are some posts where local restrictions or excessive shipping costs are such that cars will not be shipped at public expense for certain employees. FSD 30 enables Crown-held vehicles to be assigned or alternative transportation arrangements to be made available to employees in that situation.

A list of posts where cars will not be shipped at public expense for certain employees is available from APRK. If you have been assigned a Crown held vehicle before April 1, 1982, you continue to come under the 1979 provisions of FSD 30 for the duration of your current tour of duty. Employees who arrive after that date are assigned a Crown-held vehicle for their own use and will be responsible for taking good daily care of the