

## Shipping to New Zealand Motor Vehicles and Motorbikes



### **Customs Information (Documentation required – Registration Papers & Purchase Receipt)**

Customs Duty & Tax Concession for Motor vehicles (including motorcycles) that are imported by a person who –  
(i) has arrived in New Zealand and, on the date the motor vehicle is imported, holds a document authorising residence in New Zealand; and

(ii) has resided or been domiciled outside New Zealand for the whole of the 21 – month period preceding his or her arrival; and

(iii) has personally owned and used the motor vehicle overseas for at least 1 year before the earlier of the following:

(A) the date of the person's departure for New Zealand;

(B) the date on which the motor vehicle is surrendered for shipping; and

If the Importer does not qualify for the concession as per the above, then Goods and Services Taxes (GST) of 15% will apply based on valuation + freight + insurance = CIF value for customs calculations. Depreciation can be applied.

An importer qualifying for the concessionary entry will have to sign a written deed of undertaking that if a vehicle granted duty free entry is sold or otherwise disposed of within 2 years of the date of importation that they will pay the customs taxes that would normally have been payable.

### **MPI (Ministry of Primary Industries) – Quarantine examination**

Examination **on vehicles: NZ\$560 + GST if applicable**

Examination **on motorbikes: NZ\$350 + GST if applicable**

If MPI request cleaning of the vehicle, additional charges are for the client's account

### **Structural Inspection – NZTA (New Zealand Transport Association)**

Completed by an approved NZTA representative to test the vehicle for structural integrity

Inspection: **NZ\$280 + GST if applicable** mandatory for any road going vehicle.

### **Vehicle Compliance**

Once inspections have been completed as above, **it is the client's responsibility** to obtain full compliance for the vehicle.

Transworld may be able to assist with arranging transport to your nominated compliance centre, see [approximate costs](#) below.

Vehicle must be transported to a compliance company on flatbed truck at a cost of approximately NZ\$150 to NZ\$250 depending on the location.

There are many compliance centres to choose from such as the Automobile Association or the following recommendations:

- **Auckland**, Seat Belt Specialists +649 4440099
- **Tauranga**, VTNZ +64 7 5787348
- **Wellington**, VINZ +64 4 5682180
- **Christchurch**, Youngman Automotive +64 3 3435300

The base cost for compliance may be between NZ\$500 to \$650 with additional charges if modification is required.

Once compliance is completed, the vehicle needs to be registered.

See following link: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/vehicles/licensing-rego/vehicle-fees/licensing-fees/>