

Thailand Import Regulation

Importing a Motor Vehicle In Thailand

Importing of vehicles from overseas into Thailand is possible. An import certificate is required, this is a specialist task and your relocation/move company can assist you with this.

Bringing your car to Thailand is not recommended. Cars are subject to high luxury tax, equal to 200% of the car's value when new as assessed by Thai Customs, plus tax on the transport fee. Therefore, it is recommended to rent, lease or buy your own car in Thailand.

Automobile cannot be imported unless the applicant applies for the permission and receives the permission from the Ministry of Commerce before shipping the automobile into the Kingdom. This permission is very difficult to obtain for owners of a foreign passport. Automobiles and motorcycles are dutiable items (whether new or old).

Documents required To Import a Vehicle

- Automobile registration of the foreign country.
- Driver's licence of the country from which the car was exported.
- Original B/L
- Import permit (must be available before car is shipped to Thailand)

Documents issued by the immigration division, Police Department granting permission for applicant to enter and establish residence in Thailand. In the event that the applicant enters Thailand to work for the Government or other institutions, a letter of certification from the Government Office or institution must be presented.

CIF Taxes On Imported Vehicle

1. Autos up to 2400 cc duty is 137% of CIF value.
2. Autos over 2400 cc duty is 210% of CIF value.
3. Motorcycles pay duty at 72% of CIF value.
4. Free duty exemptions are provided to diplomatic organizations.