



Importing vehicles from countries other than the United States

You cannot import a vehicle that was manufactured to meet the safety standards of a country other than the United States or Canada, **unless** the vehicle is:

- fifteen years or older (excludes buses);
- a bus manufactured before January 1, 1971; or
- entering Canada temporarily.

You must prove that your vehicle qualifies for one of the above exemptions. You can find details on determining the age of a vehicle, types of temporary imports, and conditions under which a vehicle may be imported temporarily by referring to the previous section called "Importing vehicles acquired in the United States."

Customs' law prevents you from importing into Canada from countries other than the United States any used or second-hand vehicle that was not manufactured in the current calendar year.

Transport Canada's law also prevents you from importing into Canada from countries other than the United States any vehicle that was not manufactured to meet the Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Standards or the United States Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

Exceptions

Taking into account both customs and Transport Canada requirements, in most cases, you can import a vehicle into Canada on the condition that **the vehicle is designed, manufactured, tested, and certified to meet the Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Standards or the United States Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, bears a statement of compliance label affixed by the original manufacturer, has not been altered, and the certification from the original manufacturer is still on the vehicle, in any of the following situations:**