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What to Do At The Border

- 1. Produce your title documents, registration and sales receipts.
- 2. Complete Vehicle Import Form Form 1, which Canada Border Services Agency will provide. This requires a Canadian mailing address. This form must be kept in the vehicle until it is licensed.
- 3. Canada Border Services Agency will check your vehicle against Transport Canada's List of Vehicles Admissible from the United States. They will also verify the public VIN and manufacturer's statement of compliance label on the vehicle to make sure they match.
- 4. Canada Border Services Agency will collect your nonrefundable Registrar of Imported Vehicles' fee of \$195.00 + GST in all provinces except Quebec where it is \$195.00 + GST and QST.
- 5. Payment for the RIV fee may be made directly to Canada Border Services Agency with any major credit card. Canada Border Services Agency does not accept cash or schedules for the RIV fee. If you wish to pay by cheque or money order, Canada Border Services Agency will provide you with a payment envelope which must be mailed to the Registrar of Imported Vehicles. Please note that all personal cheques will be held for ten business days in order to allow them to clear the bank. This will use up a portion of your 45 day time limit.
- 6. Remember that payment of fees and receipt of the Vehicle Import Form Form 1 does not warrant that your vehicle is capable of being brought into conformity with all applicable federal and provincial or territorial laws.
- 7. The Registrar of Imported Vehicles will not issue a federal inspection form or any specific modification information for a vehicle with an unpaid file. It is important that you do not proceed with any modifications on your vehicle until you receive this federal inspection form. If the file remains unpaid for 14 days after importation, we will send the importer a reminder of notice; if payment still has not been received within the proscribed 45 days after the date of importation, the file will be forwarded to Transport Canada for enforcement. The compliance status of every vehicle entering Canada through the RIV system is shared with all provincial and territorial licensing jurisdictions. Noncompliance with the Motor Vehicle Safety Act may result in a refusal to license, or a revocation of an existing registration.