



# Memorandum D19-12-1

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## Importation of Vehicles

### In Brief

This memorandum has been updated to:

- a) Replace the repealed Schedule VII with the Declaration to Import Non-compliant Vehicles Temporarily for Special purposes and explain new allowances. Sample specimens of Declaration added.
- b) Explain the Registrar or Imported Vehicles' (RIV) expanded mandate which now allows for certain classes of used vehicles to be imported from Mexico on certain conditions.
- c) Removal of Transport Canada's Designated Canada Border Services (CBSA) offices recently repealed from the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations (MVSR)
- d) Clarify the handling of Appendix G importation Certificates of Origins (COO) showing the name of a dealer as the recipient.
- e) BSOs are no longer required to facilitate RIV payment at the border. Appendices now indicate importer has to contact the RIV to make a payment.

This memorandum outlines and explains the legislation, regulations and general guidelines that apply to the importation of vehicles.

### Legislation

[Customs Act](#) – Section 101

[Motor Vehicle Safety Act](#) – Sections 5, 6, 7, 10 and 15

[Plant Protection Act](#) – Section 7(1)

[Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations](#) – Section 11 and 12

[Motor Vehicle Tire Safety Regulations](#)

### Guidelines and General Information

#### Acronyms and Definitions

##### Acronyms

“ACROSS” means the Accelerated Commercial Release Operation Support System

“ATV” means All Terrain Vehicle

“CBC” means Case-by-Case

“CBSA” means Canada Border Services Agency

“CFIA” means Canadian Food Inspection Agency  
 “CMVSS” means Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards  
 “CoT” means Certificate of Title  
 “ECCC” means Environment and Climate Change Canada  
 “FMVSS” means Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards  
 “GST” means Goods and Services Tax  
 “IID” means Integrated Import Declaration  
 “LPCO” means Licences, Permits, Certificates and Others  
 “MVSA” means Motor Vehicle Safety Act  
 “MVSR” means Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations  
 “OEM” means Original Equipment Manufacturer  
 “OGD” means Other Government Department  
 “RIV” means Registrar of Imported Vehicles  
 “RUM” means Restricted Use Motorcycle ( now includes UTV)  
 “SO” means Service Option  
 “SoC” means Statement of Compliance  
 “SUV” means Sport Utility Vehicle  
 “SWI” means Single Window Initiative  
 “TC” means Transport Canada  
 “US” means United States  
 “UTV” means Utility Terrain Vehicles  
 “VIC List” means Vehicle Import Compatibility List  
 “VIN” means Vehicle Identification Number

## Definitions

1. For the purpose of the administration of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act ([MVSA](#)) and the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations ([MVSR](#)) and vehicle border clearance for imported vehicles, the following definitions will apply:

**American compliance label** means a label referred to in section 30115, chapter 301, title 49 of the *United States Code* that is applied to a vehicle by a manufacturer that certifies that the vehicle conforms to the federal laws of the United States that are applicable on the date of manufacture.

**Appendix F Pre-clearance Program** – refers to Transport Canada’s (TC’s) [pre-cleared list of authorized Canadian companies](#) importing new Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (CMVSS) vehicles.

**Appendix G Pre-clearance Program** – refers to TC’s [pre-cleared list of foreign manufacturers](#) manufacturing new CMVSS vehicles.

**Case-by-Case (CBC) Importation** – refers to TC’s standard importation process outside of the Appendix F or G Pre-clearance Programs. Upon successfully meeting TC’s requirements for CBC importation, the Canadian importer of new CMVSS, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) specific vehicles will receive a letter from TC, which will contain the CBC authorization number that needs to be presented at the border or in the case of the Single Window Initiative (SWI), entered into the Integrated Import Declaration (IID) (Service Option (SO) 911) to allow the importation of those vehicles.

**CMVSS Vehicle or Canadian Specification Vehicle or Canadian Certified Vehicle** – means a vehicle built and certified to CMVSS at the time of main assembly and bearing a Statement of Compliance (SoC) label to that effect.

**Commercial Vehicle Importation** – refers to the commercial importation of vehicle(s) for the purpose of selling them on the Canadian market (i.e. for the purpose of sale or for commercial, industrial, occupational, or institutional or other like use in Canada). These can be new CMVSS vehicles purchased directly from a foreign manufacturer or used vehicles purchased on the retail market in the United States (US).

**Designated Commercial Office** – refers to the [designated commercial offices](#) where **commercial** importers are required to report the commercial importation of vehicles entering Canada (i.e. vehicles being imported for the purpose of sale or for commercial, industrial, occupational, or institutional or other like use in Canada) by modes of transportation other than rail, marine or air.

**E-vehicle** – means a vehicle powered by an electric power source. E-vehicles are regulated at importation under the class they belong to (e.g., e-truck is regulated as a truck, e-car is regulated as a passenger car, etc.).

**FMVSS Vehicle or US Specification Vehicle or US Certified Vehicle** – means a vehicle built and certified to US Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) at the time of main assembly and bearing an American compliance label to that effect.

**New Vehicle** – means a vehicle that has never been placed into service, registered or licensed, or, in the case of an incomplete vehicle, still requires further manufacturing before it can be placed into service (e.g., chassis cab).

**Prescribed Class** – means a class of vehicle listed in Schedule III of the MVSR or an incomplete vehicle, which is prescribed under subsection 4(1) of the MVSR. Prescribed vehicle from Mexico - means a passenger car, multi-purpose passenger vehicle, truck or bus **meeting the following conditions:**

- the vehicle is American certified, **and**
- the vehicle was built prior to the current calendar year, and at least 90 days have elapsed since the date of manufacturing shown on the American compliance label, **and**
  - if gross vehicle weight is less than 5 metric tons, the odometer must show greater than 621 miles (1,000 km), **or**
  - if gross vehicle weight is equal to or greater than 5 metric tons, the odometer must show greater than 3,105 miles (5,000 km).

These include passenger cars, limousines and funeral vehicles, Class A, B and C motorhomes, multipurpose passenger vehicles (MPVs), disabled access vehicle conversions, travel van conversions, ambulance vehicles and trucks.

**Excluded** are motorcycles, restricted use motorcycles, ATVs, trailers, trailer converter dollies, snowmobiles, low speed vehicles and three-wheeled vehicles.

**Private Vehicle Importation** – means the importation of a vehicle for the importer’s own use in Canada (i.e. that vehicle is **not** for sale on the Canadian market or for the purpose of sale or for commercial, industrial, occupational, or institutional or other like use in Canada), these can be new or used vehicles.

**[Registrar of Imported Vehicles \(RIV\) Program](#)** – refers to the national certification program established by TC that ensures qualifying FMVSS vehicles purchased at the retail level in the US or prescribed vehicles from Mexico are modified, inspected, and certified to comply with CMVSS.

**RIV e-Form** – refers to an online equivalent to the TC Vehicle Import Form - Form 1 and Vehicle Imported for Parts Only – Form 3 and can be accessed via the RIV website @ [www.riv.ca](http://www.riv.ca).

**Salvage Vehicle** – is a term used by US, Mexican and Canadian insurance providers and licensing authorities to “brand” a vehicle that has been deemed at total loss due to collision, fire, flood, accident, or any other occurrence requiring repair for which the cost is deemed unreasonable. When a vehicles’ salvage certificate or title brand is noted as “salvage”, “salvage-repairable” or “salvage repaired”, without any supplementary

designations, the vehicle is not restricted from being repaired. When a salvage brand is noted as “non-repairable”, “junk”, “scrap”, “flood” or equivalent, the vehicle cannot be safely repaired.

**Declaration to Import Non-compliant Vehicles Temporarily for Special Purposes (formerly Schedule VII)** – refers to the TC authorization required for Canadian importers seeking to temporarily import non-compliant vehicles for exhibition, demonstration, evaluation, testing, further manufacturing, works or operations requiring specially-designed vehicles, armored vehicles for law enforcement agencies, or a vehicle that is licensed in the US and owned by a Canadian citizen **IF** the owner has a residence in Canada and a Canadian driver’s license. These entries are only on a temporary basis as defined in the TC Declaration and do not allow the vehicle to remain permanently in Canada.

**SoC Label** – refers to the label affixed to the vehicle at the time of main assembly that contains the manufacturer’s certification statement.

**Temporary Resident** – means

- (1) a person who is not a resident of Canada and who resides temporarily in Canada for the purpose of
  - (i) studying at an educational institution;
  - (ii) employment for a period not exceeding 36 months; or,
  - (iii) performing preclearance activities on behalf of the Government of the United States under the terms of the Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America on Air Transport Preclearance, dated May 8, 1974, and who produces on arrival in Canada a valid card or employment authorization issued by the Government of Canada certifying that person to be an employee of the Government of the US performing these activities in Canada;
- (2) the spouse or any dependents of a person described in (1)(i) or (ii); and,
- (3) the spouse or any dependents of a person described in subparagraph (1)(iii), if the spouse or dependent produces on arrival in Canada a valid card or employment authorization issued by the Government of Canada certifying the spouse or dependent to be the spouse or dependent of a person described in (1)(iii).

**Used Vehicle** – means a vehicle that is (or was previously) registered and licensed for which a title or ownership document is (or was once) issued.

**Vehicle** – means any vehicle (assembled or disassembled) that, when in its assembled state, is capable of being driven or drawn on roads by any means other than muscular power exclusively, but does not include any vehicle designed to run exclusively on rails. The prescribed (or regulated) classes of vehicles under the MVSR are:

- passenger car (including limousines)
- multi-purpose passenger vehicle (including vans, Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs, motorhomes)
- truck (including chassis cabs and service trucks)
- bus (including school buses)
- low speed vehicle
- motorcycle, open, enclosed, motor tricycle, and limited speed motorcycles
- restricted-use motorcycle (RUM) (ATV, dirt bikes and as of February 2021 will include UTV aka “side by side”)
- trailer, including utility, cargo, with mounted equipment, horse, boat, travel trailer, car dolly, etc.
- trailer converter dolly
- snowmobile
- three wheeled vehicles

**Vehicle Import Compatibility (VIC) List** –refers to a list of FMVSS vehicles, either originally purchased (or sold) at retail in the US or belong to the category of Prescribed vehicles from Mexico which are eligible to enter the RIV Program (referred to as the [VIC List](#) in this document).

**Visitor** – means a person who is not a resident or a temporary resident and who enters Canada for a period not exceeding 12 months.

## Introduction

2. The CBSA assists TC with the administration of the MVSA and the MVSR by administering and enforcing the conditions under which new and used vehicles may be imported at CBSA points of entry. The MVSA regulates the importation of vehicles to reduce the risk of death, injury, and damage to property and the environment.
3. The CBSA also assists other government agencies (OGDs) in this regard, such as:
  - (a) The [Canadian Food Inspection Agency](#) (CFIA) with the administration of the [Plant Protection Act](#) by enforcing the conditions under which used vehicles may be imported with regards to plant pests that can be transported in soil and related matter.
  - (b) [Environment and Climate Change Canada](#) (ECCC) with the administration of the [Canadian Environmental Protection Act](#) with regards to emissions standards under which new and used vehicles may be imported.

## Pre, At and Post Border Processes

### Prior to Importation

4. Prior to declaring a vehicle at the border, **the importer is responsible for ensuring that all aspects of the importation have been researched to comply with all legislative provisions**, They should also contact their insurance provider and provincial or territorial licensing authority to determine what (if any) provincial requirements he will need to adhere to in order to import and licence a vehicle in his province or territory.
5. The importer is responsible for making a declaration by completing, as applicable, either: a TC Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or a RIV e-Form 1 or a TC Vehicle Imported for Parts Only – Form 3 or a RIV e-Form 3. For assistance, the importer can contact TC or the RIV (refer to the “[Additional Information](#)” section of this document for contact information).

### At the Border

6. Prior to releasing a vehicle at the border, CBSA border services officers will verify that an importer’s declaration complies with all legislative provisions that may apply.

### After Vehicle Entry

7. Once a vehicle is released at the border, the importer is responsible to abide by the terms of their entry declaration which may include fulfilling additional requirements established under applicable legislative provisions.

### TC’s Requirements

8. Importers referring to this memorandum are cautioned that it contains general guidelines and information pertaining to the CBSA’s administration of TC’s import requirements and is not intended to replace the MVSA and the MVSR. MVSA import requirements applies to all regulated classes of vehicles that are less than 15 years old and buses manufactured on or after January 1, 1971.
9. To be eligible for importation, vehicles must qualify for entry under one of the following two principles:
  - (a) vehicles that **are required to be registered** in the RIV Program, only applies to US specification vehicles purchased or originally sold in the US at the retail level or belonging to the category of Prescribed class of vehicle from Mexico (passenger car, MPV, truck or bus only);
  - (b) vehicles that **are not required to be registered** in the RIV Program, applies to all other vehicle entries including CMVSS vehicles, age-exempt vehicles, non-regulated vehicles and vehicles imported temporarily.
10. Vehicles that do not qualify for importation under one of the two preceding options are considered **inadmissible and cannot be imported into Canada**.
11. Once a vehicle’s importation has been processed at the border, any importer or owner seeking to change the declaration made with respect to the vehicle at time of import will result in a re-assessment. The vehicle will have to meet all applicable TC’s vehicle requirements under the newly declared circumstances. In these cases, the importer must contact the CBSA to find out which location they can bring the vehicle to in order to have the entry

re-assessed and to obtain a new Vehicle Import Form - Form 1, RIV e-Form 1. For vehicles imported via the Vehicle Imported for Parts - Form 3 or RIV e-Form 3, the declaration made with respect to the vehicle at the time of import cannot be changed nor re-assessed.

### **Vehicles required to be registered in the RIV Program – Import Requirements**

12. The objective of the RIV Program is to protect Canadian road users by ensuring that vehicles imported from the US and Mexico provide a comparable level of safety to those manufactured for sale in Canada. The process ensures that: the eligible vehicles were originally designed and certified at time of main assembly to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS); the vehicles are free of any outstanding manufacturer safety recalls; and that importers have performed the necessary modifications to the vehicles when necessary to meet CMVSS. Importers must have the vehicle inspected once in Canada by an official RIV authorized inspection center to verify compliance with the CMVSS within the required time period and prior to being registered by a provincial or territorial licensing authority. The program is funded through the user fees charged to importers who have purchased vehicles for importation via the RIV program.

13. **The importer is responsible for researching a vehicle’s eligibility for importation prior to arrival at the border** as not all vehicles purchased or acquired in the US or Mexico qualify for importation or can be modified to comply with CMVSS. To assess a vehicle’s admissibility into the RIV Program TC publishes the [Vehicle Import Compatibility \(VIC\) List](#).

14. Importers who register their vehicle in the RIV Program acknowledge by signing the Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form that the admission of their vehicle into Canada is conditional on successfully passing a RIV inspection. There is **no guarantee** that a vehicle is capable of being permanently imported nor brought into conformity with applicable laws.

15. If a vehicle fails the RIV inspection, it cannot remain permanently in Canada and the RIV will notify the importer that the vehicle must be exported. Common examples for rejection are a vehicle’s inability to be modified to comply with CMVSS, lack of satisfactory proof that a vehicle subject to an outstanding safety recall has been remedied, evidence of non-compliant modifications observed at inspection or failing to present the vehicle for the mandatory RIV inspection within the prescribed time constraints.

### **Eligibility Requirements for Registration in the RIV Program**

16. To be considered eligible for registration in the RIV Program, a vehicle must meet all of the following conditions:

- (a) belong to a prescribed class of regulated vehicles or prescribed vehicle from Mexico (refer to the definitions section);
- (b) be less than 15 years old or, in the case of a bus, manufactured on or after January 1, 1971;
- (c) purchased or originally sold in the US or Mexico, whichever applies (unless otherwise authorized by TC);
- (d) is identified as “admissible” on the VIC List;
- (e) is certified by the original manufacturer to comply with all US FMVSS as demonstrated by an American compliance label affixed to the eligible unit. In the absence of the American compliance label, be accompanied by a letter from the manufacturer (not a retailer) containing the information normally found on the American compliance label, which includes amongst other things the following statement:
  - (i) this vehicle conforms to the applicable federal motor vehicle safety, bumper and theft prevention standards in effect on the date of manufacture shown above, or
  - (ii) this vehicle conforms to all applicable US Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards in effect on the date of manufacture shown above;
- (f) in the case of an eligible vehicle manufactured in stages, evidence of FMVSS certification by the end (final stage) manufacturer as described above;

- (g) if a snowmobile, the snowmobile is certified by the original manufacturer (demonstrated by a SoC label affixed to the unit) to comply with the Snowmobile Safety Certification Committee or with CMVSS;
- (h) in the case of a RUM, bears a valid 17 digit alphanumeric VIN issued by the Original Equipment Manufacturer; and,
- (i) has not been modified in any way that can compromise the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) certification.

### **Reporting Requirements for Registration into the RIV Program**

17. Persons importing vehicles for their personal use (non-commercial import) that are required to be registered in the RIV Program can do so at either a designated or non-designated commercial office.

18. Persons importing vehicles for the purpose of sale or for commercial, industrial, occupational, institutional or other like use in Canada (commercial import) via the RIV Program are required to report at [designated commercial offices](#). Businesses who import for their own commercial, industrial, occupational, institutional use in Canada can declare their goods as a non-commercial importation but are still required to report the entry at a designated CBSA office (this includes vehicles entering Canada using the Single Window Initiative, Integrated Import Declaration (SO911)).

**Note:** When a shipment of vehicles is imported for the purpose of sale or for commercial, industrial, occupational, institutional or other like use in Canada and is reported at a non-designated CBSA office, it will be re-routed to the closest designated CBSA office (unless the shipment is by rail, marine or air modes of transportation in which case the importer may report to a non-designated CBSA office to register the vehicle in the RIV Program).

### **Proof of Ownership Requirements for Registration in the RIV Program**

19. An original valid US state issued Certificate of Title (CoT) (or equivalent) or in the case of a prescribed vehicle from Mexico, valid vehicle registration documentation from Mexico is required. In the case of new FMVSS vehicle purchased in the United States, it may be accompanied by a Manufacturer's Statement (or Certificate) of Origin with a valid bill of sale to be presented at the time of importation for registration in the RIV Program.

### **Reporting Requirements for Registration into the RIV Program**

#### **Leased and Financed Vehicles Being Declared for Importation**

20. For TC purposes, leased and financed vehicles are considered purchased and must therefore meet TC's import and admissibility requirements for registration in the RIV Program.

21. If the importer of a leased or financed vehicle cannot obtain the original or certified copy of the CoT then they must present a copy of the CoT with an original statement/letter from the financing/leasing company authorizing that the vehicle can be exported from the US and permanently imported into Canada. The statement/letter should identify the vehicle and include the VIN number. Similar requirements may apply for Mexico. We suggest you contact authorities to verify this prior to exporting from Mexico.

#### **FMVSS Specification Vehicles (New or Used) Acquired in Foreign Countries**

22. Vehicles (new or used) acquired in foreign countries other than the US or Mexico and designed, manufactured, tested and certified to meet US FMVSS and bearing a American compliance label affixed by the original manufacturer, **may** be eligible for importation into Canada provided the vehicles have not been altered and the certification from the original manufacturer is still affixed to the eligible vehicles and evidence can be provided that the vehicles were **originally** purchased at the retail level in the US, belong to the category of prescribed vehicles from Mexico, or obtained via a foreign manufacturer delivery program of FMVSS certified vehicles. In such cases, these vehicles are treated by TC as if they were imported from the US, **and if found admissible** as per the VIC List, they are to be registered in the RIV Program.

23. While vehicles may meet the import requirements under TC legislation, the importation may be prohibited under tariff item No. 9897.00.00 of the Customs Tariff. The exceptions to this prohibition are vehicles that are

excluded in the text of Tariff 9897.00.00, or by way of the Used or Second-Hand Motor Vehicle Regulations. Importers seeking to import a used or second hand vehicle should refer to [Memorandum D9-1-11, Importation of Used or Second-hand Motor Vehicles](#).

### **Vehicles Bearing Both FMVSS and CMVSS SoC Labels Purchased in the US or Mexico**

24. Some vehicles offered for sale in the US or Mexico may bear both a FMVSS and a CMVSS SoC label affixed to the vehicle by the manufacturer. The importer is responsible for declaring the vehicle by selecting the appropriate entry on the Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1. For the purpose of importation, these vehicles are to be imported through the RIV Program and the vehicle is to be assessed in accordance with established RIV Program procedures, **unless** the importer can provide a TC CMVSS CBC authorization number in which case the entry is not be processed via the RIV Program.

### **Salvage Vehicles (FMVSS Certified Vehicles Only)**

25. For the purpose of importing salvage branded vehicles as vehicles (rather than for parts only), only FMVSS certified vehicles purchased or originally sold in the US or belonging to the category of prescribed vehicle from Mexico, that are less than 15 years old and buses manufactured on or after January 1, 1971, are eligible for registration into the RIV Program as vehicles to be imported on condition they appear as admissible on the VIC List. Salvage branded vehicles originating from countries other than the US or Mexico that are less than 15 years old and buses manufactured on or after January 1, 1971 are not eligible for importation into Canada via the RIV Program.

26. “Salvage” is the term used by a state licensing authority or a licensed insurance provider to “brand” a vehicle that has been damaged due to collision, fire, flood, accident, or any other occurrence requiring repair, the cost of which would be deemed unreasonable. Although they are considered a total loss in terms of the insured monetary value, they may qualify for repair **provided the brand is not junk, scrap, non-repairable, flood or water damage** (or similar irreparable branding).

27. A salvage vehicle meeting the criteria above that has since been repaired prior to importation is eligible for registration into the RIV Program on the condition that it has not been branded as junk, scrap, non-repairable, flood or water damage (or similar irreparable branding). The brand record is associated with the VIN remains part of its permanent history. A vehicle’s status may change from “clear” to “salvage” to “rebuilt” throughout its history, but each status remains on the vehicle’s permanent record.

### **Declaring a Salvage Vehicle for Importation (FMVSS Certified Vehicles Only)**

28. Importers of salvage branded vehicles have the option of importing them with the intention of rebuilding them or, in the event they have already been rebuilt, declare them as “salvage rebuilt” vehicle (or equivalent brand).

29. An importer may declare a salvage branded vehicle at the border using the Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1, provided the following conditions are met:

- a. the vehicle’s branding status indicated on the vehicle’s CoT does not bear any indication of junk, scrap, non-repairable, flood or water damage or similar irreparable branding, and the vehicle is listed as admissible on the VIC List;
- b. the VIN must be readable through the vehicle glazing (windshield) as normally affixed by the original manufacturer. If the VIN is damaged to the point that it is no longer readable or has been removed, the vehicle is no longer in full compliance with all US requirements, cannot be made to comply and therefore cannot be imported into Canada. If the VIN on the compliance label has been damaged, but the VIN on the dashboard is intact, the vehicle may be admissible;
- c. only the original salvage title or certificate, or a certified copy of the original may be accepted. Border services officers do not retain originals or certified copies. Photocopies of the documents are to be forwarded to the RIV by the border services officer. The RIV will then publish the VIN to the provincial and territorial licensing authorities via the Interprovincial Records Exchange upon entry of the vehicle.



**Once the above conditions are met**, an importer may import salvage branded vehicles through the RIV Program by:

- d. completing a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1, and presenting a Salvage Title from a state licensing authority or a licensed insurance provider to a border services officer. The officer will record the vehicle condition and title brand status observed at the time of importation on the form.
- e. ensuring that the vehicle is rebuilt within one year after being imported into Canada. The vehicle must be fully operational and made CMVSS compliant prior to being presented to the RIV for the final inspection. The original importer is responsible for ensuring that the vehicle is made CMVSS compliant and presented for RIV inspection before the vehicle is presented for licensing to a provincial or territorial licensing authority.

**Note:** Some provinces and territories have salvage/rebuild programs which can limit the importer’s ability to register the vehicle although import formalities have been fulfilled.

### **Flood or Water Damaged Vehicles**

30. Flood or water-damaged vehicles coming from the US or Mexico are considered junk/non-repairable by all licensing jurisdictions in Canada. These vehicles can only be imported into Canada if they qualify for entry under the Vehicle Imported for Parts Only Program.

### **Vehicles Imported for Parts Only Program (FMVSS US Certified Vehicles Only)**

31. FMVSS vehicles (salvage, clear titled, damaged or not) which are normally eligible for registration into the RIV Program listed and as admissible on the VIC List can be voluntarily declared for importation for “parts only” by declaring their importation into the Vehicle Imported for Parts program overseen by the RIV.

32. Vehicles imported under this program will have their VIN listed as non-repairable vehicles and can never be licensed or registered in a province or territory. Once declared into the Vehicle Imported for Parts Only Program, **the status cannot be changed and the vehicle can never be licensed in Canada.**

**Note:** Salvage branded vehicles originating from countries other than the US or Mexico that are less than 15 years old and buses manufactured on or after January 1, 1971, **are not eligible for importation** into Canada via the Vehicle Imported for Parts Only Program.

### **Declaring a Vehicle in the Vehicle Imported for Parts Only Program (FMVSS Certified Vehicles Only)**

33. To import a **qualifying** vehicle in this program, the importer must complete a Vehicle Imported for Parts – Form 3 or a RIV e-Form 3 and present it to a border services officer at time of importation along with original ownership documents (CoT or Salvage Title) and register the importation as such with the RIV.

**Note:** If a **commercial importer (or their broker)** is submitting the information electronically to the CBSA via the SWI IID (SO911) release service option, a Vehicle Imported for Parts – Form 3 or RIV e-Form 3 is not required and **will not be accepted or processed** (refer to the [Implementation of the CBSA SWI](#) section for further information).

34. The vehicle must have been purchased or originally sold in the US or belong to the category of prescribed vehicle from Mexico, bear at minimum a American compliance label, or a VIN specific letter from the manufacturer in lieu of the American label and an identifiable VIN located on the dash.

### **Vehicles That cannot be registered in the RIV Program – Import Requirements**

#### **New CMVSS Specification Vehicles**

35. Vehicles originating from any country, including the US or Mexico, must meet the following criteria to qualify as New CMVSS specification vehicles:

- (a) the vehicle must be new and purchased directly from a manufacturer, not from a retailer/dealer. Acquisition documents must clearly indicate a purchase at the manufacturing level;

(b) the vehicle must be new and built to CMVSS and bear a bilingual Canadian SoC to that effect.

**Note:** Whether the vehicle is declared as a commercial or private importation, new CMVSS vehicles do not qualify for registration in the RIV Program.

## Appendix F: Authorized Importers – New CMVSS Vehicles

36. The [Appendix F](#) Pre-clearance Program enables Canadian **commercial importers (or their broker)** to use streamlined border processes when importing **new fully complying Canadian specification vehicles** originating directly from foreign manufacturers. These vehicles have yet to be sold at retail, have never been owned, titled or licensed.

37. Appendix F lists companies that are authorized by TC to import new Canadian specification vehicles destined for the Canadian market without the need to submit a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 at the time of importation.

38. Appendix F identifies the authorized importer by company name, which must correspond with the name of the importer of record identified on the CBSA entry documentation. Vehicle entries are documented in accordance with established CBSA and OGD commercial import protocols.

**Note:** If a **commercial importer (or their broker)** submits the information electronically to the CBSA via the SWI IID (SO911) release service option, a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 is not required and **will not be accepted or processed** (refer to the [Implementation of the CBSA SWI](#) section for further information).

## Appendix G: Registered Foreign Manufacturers – New CMVSS Vehicles

39. The [Appendix G](#) Pre-clearance Program enables Canadian **commercial importers (or their broker)** to use streamlined border processes when importing **new fully complying Canadian specification vehicles** originating directly from foreign manufacturers. These vehicles have yet to be sold at retail, have never been owned, titled or licensed.

40. Appendix G identifies foreign manufacturers registered with TC to export new Canadian specification vehicles destined for the Canadian market. To be admissible via Appendix G, the foreign vehicle manufacturer must be listed on Appendix G and be associated with the specific vehicle classes that have been registered with TC.

41. The CBSA entry documentation must clearly reflect both of the above elements (vehicle manufacturer and vehicle class) to be granted border clearance via the Appendix G Pre-clearance Program. Importers **must** submit a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 to obtain border clearance. A single form can be submitted with an attached sheet listing several vehicles, rather than submitting one form per vehicle. The consolidation sheet shall include the VIN, make and model, date of manufacture of the vehicle, and vehicle class for each vehicle being imported. The CBSA will stamp the consolidation sheet with a CBSA office date stamp and will notate the transaction number.

42. Some foreign manufacturers on Appendix G distribute their new CMVSS vehicle production via a network of dealers. As a result, there may be instances where the Certificate of Origin (COO) will be issued in the name of the dealer to meet foreign requirements. When a Canadian commercial importer is seeking to declare an Appendix G entry under these conditions, the back portion of the COO must be endorsed in the name of the commercial importer of record. If the sale documentation demonstrates a purchase from the OEM on Appendix G (not the dealer), the goods qualify for Appendix G importation. If the sale documentation shows a purchase from the retailer, the goods do not qualify for Appendix G and must be assessed as a retail purchase in accordance to other established protocols.

**Notes:** If a **commercial importer (or their broker)** is submitting the information electronically to the CBSA via the SWI IID (SO911) release service option, a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 is not required and **will not be accepted or processed** (refer to the [Implementation of the CBSA SWI](#) section for further information).

Canadian **commercial importers (or their broker)** must maintain a valid commercial importer number (RM number) registered with the [Canada Revenue Agency](#) (CRA) to be eligible to import via the Appendix G Pre-clearance Program. Commercial importers (or their broker) who do not have a valid importer number registered with the CRA are required to import via TC's CBC importation process.

### **TC's CBC Authorization Number/Letter – Importers of New CMVSS Vehicles**

43. The CBC procedure allows importers not listed in Appendix F and importers **who purchase new Canadian specification vehicles directly from foreign manufacturers** not listed in Appendix G to obtain a VIN specific pre-authorization number and letter from TC. Only vehicles listed by VIN on the CBC authorization letter can be released. CBC authorized importers **must submit** a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 to obtain border clearance.

44. Some foreign manufacturers on Appendix G distribute their new CMVSS vehicle production via a network of dealers. As a result, there may be instances where the Certificate of Origin (COO) will be issued in the name of the dealer to meet foreign requirements. When a Canadian importer is seeking to declare an CMVSS CBC entry under these conditions, the back portion of the COO must be endorsed in the name of the importer of record. If the sale documentation demonstrates a purchase from the OEM on Appendix G (not the dealer), the goods qualify for CBC importation and will need to be accompanied by a TC CBC authorization letter/number. If the sale documentation shows a purchase from the retailer, the goods may not qualify for CBC and must be assessed as a retail purchase in accordance with other established protocols, unless TC has ruled acceptable and also provided a CBC authorization letter/number under those explicit conditions.

**Notes:** If a **commercial importer (or their broker)** submits the information electronically to the CBSA via the SWI IID (SO911) release service option, a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 is not required and **will not be accepted or processed** (refer to the [Implementation of the CBSA SWI](#) section for further information).

**It is the importer's responsibility to obtain authorization from TC prior to presenting the vehicle for importation at the border.**

### **TC's CBC Authorization Number and Letter – Importers of CMVSS Specification Vehicles Returning to Canada via a New Owner**

45. Canadian specification vehicles that were permanently exported where a trade-in or a sale occurred abroad, and are later presented for importation by a new owner are not considered returning Canadian vehicles for TC purposes and must be imported via TC's CBC process.

### **New CMVSS Vehicles – Foreign Manufacturer CMVSS Delivery Program**

46. Canadians travelling abroad may arrange for the purchase of a new CMVSS vehicle that they will pick up directly from a foreign manufacturer abroad and import into Canada. These vehicles can enter as new CMVSS specification vehicles provided the following conditions are met:

- (a) they are certified by the original manufacturer to comply with the CMVSS, as evidenced by a bilingual SoC label affixed to the vehicle by the original manufacturer or a letter from the manufacturer; and
- (b) they were purchased new (i.e., the importer is the first owner).

47. Importers declaring a vehicle entry from a foreign manufacturer's delivery program cannot enter the RIV Program and must submit a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 to obtain border clearance.

**Note:** If a **commercial importer (or their broker)** submits the information electronically to the CBSA via the SWI IID (SO911) release service option, a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 is not required and **will not be accepted or processed** (refer to the [Implementation of the CBSA SWI](#) section for further information).

### **New CMVSS Boat Trailers Sold With a New Boat as a "Boat/Trailer Package" in the US**

48. Importers of new CMVSS boat trailers that were purchased directly from a boat manufacturer as part of a new boat and trailer package (or bundle) are to import the trailer outside the RIV Program when the boat trailer manufacturer is listed on TC's Appendix G and showing as the vehicle manufacturer (not the vendor) on the Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 and the trailer bears a valid CMVSS SoC label. If the boat trailer manufacturer is not listed on Appendix G, the importer must obtain a TC CBC authorization letter from TC.

**Note:** If a **commercial importer (or their broker)** submits the information electronically to the CBSA via the SWI IID (SO911) release service option, a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 is not required and **will not be accepted or processed** (refer to the [Implementation of the CBSA SWI](#) section for further information).

### Vehicles Bearing Both CMVSS and FMVSS SoC Labels

49. Some vehicles offered for sale or obtained directly from manufacturers in the US or Mexico may have both a bilingual CMVSS and an American compliance label affixed to the vehicle. The importer is responsible for declaring the vehicle by selecting the appropriate entry on the Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1. For the purpose of border clearance, these vehicles are to be imported **outside** the RIV Program if the importer provides a TC CBC authorization letter.

### Returning CMVSS Vehicles by Original Owner

50. Returning Canadian specification vehicles are exempt from registration in the RIV Program when former residents of Canada bring back the **same** vehicle if: the vehicle was certified by the original manufacturer to comply with CMVSS, AND the importer can substantiate that the vehicle was purchased and registered by them in Canada prior to their export from Canada, AND the vehicle did not undergo substantial modifications or alterations (other than repairs or routine/warranty maintenance) while abroad.

### Canadian Vehicles Modified While Abroad

51. Where an individual temporarily exports a Canadian specification vehicle for the purpose of having modifications or alterations done to the vehicle, there may be implications with regards to maintaining the vehicle's CMVSS original certification. Depending on the nature, extent of the modifications and the age of the vehicle, the vehicle may be required to be certified by the company that performed the modifications in order to ensure it still complies with CMVSS. Where the modifications are deemed sufficient to warrant re-certification to CMVSS, the vehicle will no longer be considered a CMVSS specification vehicle and the vehicle will have to qualify for re-entry into Canada under established vehicle import guidelines. For example, but not limited to:

- (a) a van transformed into a motorhome (often known as a Class B motorhome);
- (b) a van equipped with raised roof and/or modified interior;
- (c) a pick-up or passenger car equipped with lift kit;
- (d) a motorcycle converted to a motor tricycle (trike);
- (e) a vehicle stretched or lengthened;
- (f) a vehicle built or assembled by more than one manufacturer must meet additional requirements (e.g., vocational truck, van conversions, motorhome, bus, limousine or other).

**Note:** When a border services officer examines a vehicle being declared for importation and observes extensive modifications beyond the scope of general repairs or maintenance for which certification to CMVSS cannot be ascertained, the vehicle may be denied or detained until further clarification from TC is obtained allowing for its release.

### Non-regulated Vehicles

52. Non-regulated vehicles are vehicles that do not belong to a prescribed class of vehicle under the MVSA. These vehicles have no TC import requirements. Common examples are vehicles specially designed for agricultural use (farm tractor, hay wagon, etc.), for construction or landscaping use (forklift, backhoe, road grader, oversized mobile crane, etc.), closed course competition (racing), and recreation (dune buggy).

53. Non-regulated vehicles still need to meet any other applicable CBSA and OGD requirements at the time of importation. Although their entry is not formally required to be recorded on a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1, there may be circumstances where the importer will be required to provide a completed form to provincial and territorial licensing authorities in Canada for registration purposes. As such, the importer **can** submit a completed Vehicle Import Form - Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 and indicate that the vehicle is **not** required to enter the RIV Program by checking the “non-regulated vehicle or work vehicle” entry box on the Vehicle Import Form - Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1.

**Notes:** If a **commercial importer (or their broker)** is submitting the information electronically to the CBSA via the SWI IID (SO911) release service option, a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 is not required and **will not be accepted or processed** (refer to the [Implementation of the CBSA SWI](#) section for further information).

The original design intent of the manufacturer (i.e., the class and characteristics of the vehicle as designed at the time of main assembly) is what determines the non-regulated status of a vehicle, **not how the importer plans to use a vehicle in Canada** determines the non-regulated status of a vehicle.

### **Work Vehicles**

54. The term “work vehicle” means a vehicle designed primarily for the performance of work in the construction of works of civil engineering and in maintenance that is **not** constructed on a truck-chassis or truck-type chassis.

55. Trucks designed for operation **exclusively** in an off-road environment are also considered as non-regulated vehicles at importation (e.g., oversized mobile cranes, large articulated off-road dump trucks, yard shunt trucks, etc.).

**Note:** Using a regulated class of vehicle to perform work or business-related duties **does not qualify** the vehicle for importation as a non-regulated work vehicle. The original design intent of the manufacturer (i.e., the class and characteristics of the vehicle as designed at the time of main assembly) is what determines the non-regulated status of a vehicle, **not how the importer plans to use a vehicle in Canada**.

### **Trailers as Work Vehicles**

56. Under certain circumstances, trailers can be considered non-regulated under the MVSA when they exceed 2.59 m (102 inches) in overall width and/or designed to perform work-related functions. When a trailer qualifies for entry as a work vehicle, its entry is to be recorded according to the non-regulated vehicle border clearance process.

**Note:** Using a regulation-sized trailer to perform work or business-related duties **does not qualify** the trailer for importation as a non-regulated work vehicle. The original design intent of the manufacturer (i.e., the class and characteristics of the vehicle as designed at the time of main assembly) determines the non-regulated status of a vehicle, **not how the importer plans to use a vehicle in Canada**.

### **Agricultural Vehicles (Farm Husbandry)**

57. Agricultural vehicles, also known as farm husbandry, are vehicles that are designed exclusively for the performance of agricultural work (e.g. hay wagons, manure spreaders, farm tractors, and pick-up balers, etc.).

58. Trucks and trailers used in the performance of agricultural work but designed for highway use (e.g., silage trucks, stock trailers, etc.) are not considered agricultural vehicles and must qualify for importation as a regulated class vehicle under established border clearance procedures.

**Note:** The original design intent of the manufacturer (i.e., the class and characteristics of the vehicle as designed at the time of main assembly) determines the non-regulated status of a vehicle, **not how an importer plans to use a vehicle in Canada**.

### **Mobile Homes**

59. A mobile home is a vehicle that is more than 2.59m (102 inches) in overall width and that is designed to be drawn behind another vehicle and to be used as a living or working accommodation unit. Its entry is to be recorded according to the non-regulated vehicle border clearance process.

**Note:** Trailers manufactured and sold as “park models” that look like mobile homes but are less than 2.59m (102 inches) in overall width and are equipped with all the necessary features for road travel are considered trailers and must qualify for importation as a trailer under established border clearance procedures.

### **Side-by-side Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs)**

60. UTVs, commonly referred to as side-by-side UTVs, are not currently regulated under the MVSA as ATVs and restricted-use motorcycles because they are not equipped with steering handlebars and the passengers are sitting

side-by-side rather than astride. Note that as of February 2021 they WILL be regulated under the MVSA as ATVs and RUMs.

61. UTVs are not considered regulated at importation when they are clearly designed for off-road use only. If it appears that the vehicle is not designed exclusively for off-road use because it has enough design features for practical on-road use, it can lead to interpreting the importation of the vehicle as a regulated class of on-road vehicle and a border services officer may seek further clarification from TC before allowing for its release.

**Note:** Vehicles meeting the definition of an ATV in section 2 of the MVSR are included in the definition of restricted-use motorcycle and must be certified to all applicable CMVSS for that prescribed class of vehicle in order to be eligible for importation.

### Competition Vehicles

62. A competition vehicle is defined by TC as a vehicle designed for use exclusively in closed-course competition and that either bears a label affixed by the manufacturer stating, in both official languages, that the vehicle is a competition vehicle and is for use exclusively in close-course competition, or is accompanied by a signed declaration from a racing sanctioning body clearly indicating that the vehicle is a competition vehicle and is for use exclusively in closed-course competition. Competition vehicles can be motorcycles, dirt bikes, mini bikes, snowmobiles, cars, trucks, etc. and are considered non-regulated under the MVSA when meeting the criteria of a competition vehicle.

63. For vehicles that have been adapted for competition and bearing obvious evidence of their modifications for closed-course competition purposes, importers must provide a signed declaration from a race sanctioning body clearly indicating that the vehicle is a competition vehicle and is for use exclusively in closed-course competition.

64. Competition vehicles still need to meet any other applicable CBSA and OGD requirements at the time of importation. Although their entry is not formally required to be recorded on a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1, there may be circumstances where the importer will be required to provide a completed Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 to provincial and territorial licensing authorities in Canada to register the vehicle as a competition vehicle. As such, the importer **can** complete a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 and indicate that the vehicle is **not** required to enter the RIV Program by checking the “non-regulated or work vehicle” entry box.

**Note:** TC does not consider an off-road environment to be a closed-course competition environment and as such, restricted-use motorcycles (mini bikes, dirt bikes or ATVs) are not considered competition vehicles unless the manufacturer has explicitly designed the product as a competition vehicle. Also, a mainstream regulated vehicle that has been modified for the dual purpose of racing and road use, and is not accompanied by a written declaration from a racing sanctioning body with regards to the vehicle classification as a competition vehicle, is not considered a competition vehicle and must qualify for importation under the vehicle’s original class to which it belongs (e.g., car, truck or motorcycle).

### Age-exempt Vehicles

65. All regulated classes of vehicles with a date of manufacture equal to or greater than 15 years from the date of importation and buses manufactured prior to January 1, 1971 are not regulated under the MVSA. These vehicles still need to meet any other applicable CBSA and OGD requirements at the time of importation. The entry is to be recorded on a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 as a vehicle not required to enter the RIV Program by checking the appropriate vehicle entry box.

**Notes:** If a **commercial importer (or their broker)** is submitting the information electronically to the CBSA via the SWI IID (SO911) release service option, a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 is not required and **will not be accepted or processed** (refer to the [Implementation of the CBSA SWI](#) section for further information).

**When no identification markings** exist on a vehicle that allows a border services officer to validate the age-exempt status of the vehicle with respect to the paperwork being supplied by the importer, **the vehicle (including trailers) does not qualify for importation** into Canada as age-exempt.

### Age-exempt Vehicles That Have Been Modified

66. The following types of age-exempt vehicles that have been modified are still **considered admissible for importation** as “age-exempt”;

- (a) vehicles having undergone regular maintenance, equipped with replacement parts, or newly painted, etc.;
- (b) rebuilds/restorations that maintain the older vehicle’s original characteristics;
- (c) vehicles equipped with a lift kit, if the vehicle is greater than 15 years of age at time of importation;
- (d) vehicles modified into hot rods or street rods using an age exempt donor body and chassis;
- (e) vintage replica vehicles including vehicles built from kits more than 15 years ago (or prior to January 1, 1971 for buses), for which the age is assessed using the final date of completion of the replica or the starter kit, **not the model year it replicates.**

### **Vehicles Entered Temporarily**

67. Vehicles that enter Canada temporarily may or may not require a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 depending on the situation such as they need to be registered in the province or territory during their temporary entry. In such cases, the importer can submit a completed Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 and indicate that the vehicle is **not** required to enter the RIV Program by checking the “visitor or temporary resident” entry box.

**Note:** If the vehicle is being imported via a TC Declaration of Non-compliant Vehicles Temporary Import for Special Purposes (formerly known as Schedule VII) a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 IS required, as per section 4, 2, 34.

Motor vehicles which have been documented on a temporary admission permit, Form E99 – CBSA Report, or Form [E29B – Temporary Admission Permit](#), will only be issued a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 when the importer confirms or anticipates having to fulfill provincial/territorial registration obligations.

68. A temporarily imported vehicle **cannot be sold, gifted or otherwise disposed of while in Canada, does not qualify for permanent importation and cannot remain in Canada longer than the time constraints listed on a person’s work permit, student visa, or other CBSA entry documents.** Once these time limits have been exceeded, the vehicle no longer qualifies for temporary entry and must be exported or destroyed. Should the temporary status of persons change while in Canada, the vehicle will have to be exported and subject to the regular importation process and requirements for that class of vehicle to determine if the vehicle is admissible to Canada.

### **Vehicles Entered Temporarily - Visitors, Tourists and Temporary Residents**

69. Vehicles may be admitted into Canada without having to comply with TC import requirements when they are used exclusively by a person entering Canada as a visitor for a period not exceeding 12 months; or temporary residents such as students studying at an learning institution, for the duration of their studies in Canada; or individuals with valid work permits/authorizations for employment for a period not exceeding 36 months.

70. Temporary residents and visa holders whose vehicle require licensing while in Canada, may submit a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or a RIV e-Form 1 at the border.

### **Vehicles Entered Temporarily - In-transit Vehicles**

71. In-transit vehicles are vehicles that are travelling through Canada for the purpose of going to another country and are not destined for consumption in Canada or subject to TC’s import requirements.

### **Vehicles Entered Temporarily - f Foreign Owned Vehicles for Repairs or Alterations**

72. Foreign owned vehicles are vehicles entering Canada temporarily for repairs or alterations where repairs may or may not be done under a warranty arrangement.

**Note:** The importation of a foreign owned vehicle for repairs or alterations by a Canadian resident or a Canadian company **does not require** a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or a RIV e-Form 1 or a TC Declaration of non-compliant vehicle imported for special purposes. The vehicle must bear evidence of foreign registration or ownership. When the Canadian driver is working for the company that will repair, provide warranty service or do

alterations as a service to the foreign owner, the driver must be able to identify the vehicle's destination and the name of the company providing those services. These vehicles can remain in Canada for a period not exceeding 12 months.

### **Vehicles Entered Temporarily - US Rental Vehicles Driven by Canadians**

73. Vehicles that have been rented in the US by residents of Canada from a US vehicle rental business may enter Canada for non-commercial purposes and shall be removed from Canada within a period of 30 days, or any other prescribed period, beginning on the day on which the vehicles were imported.

74. If within the period of 30 days or any other prescribed period beginning on the day on which the vehicles were imported, the resident of Canada delivers the vehicles to a vehicle rental business in Canada with the consent of the business, then the vehicles' rental business shall be responsible for removing the vehicles' from Canada before the end of that period.

### **Vehicles Entered Temporarily - Diplomats**

75. Vehicles imported by diplomats, if authorized by Global Affairs Canada in writing, for the duration of a person's posting in Canada, are not registered in the RIV Program. Additional information is contained in [Memorandum D21-1-1, Customs Privileges for Diplomatic Missions, Consular Posts, and International Organizations \(Tariff Item No. 9808.00.00\)](#).

### **Vehicles Entered Temporarily - Visiting Forces Personnel**

76. Vehicles imported by visiting forces personnel, for the duration of their assignment in Canada are not to be registered in the RIV Program. Visiting forces personnel who own vehicles that require licensing while temporarily in Canada must submit a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 at the border for processing in accordance to non-RIV clearance guidelines.

### **Vehicles Entered Temporarily - US Preclearance Personnel**

77. Vehicles entered by US pre-clearance personnel and their dependents, for the duration of the US officer's posting in Canada are not registered in the RIV Program. US pre-clearance personnel who own vehicles that require licensing while temporarily in Canada may submit a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 for processing in accordance to non-RIV clearance guidelines.

### **International Events and Convention Services Program**

78. To import a vehicle under the International Events and Convention Services Program, please refer to [Memorandum D8-1-2, International Events and Convention Services Program](#).

### **Hardship Provision for Travellers**

79. In special circumstances and only under casual (non-commercial) importations, residents of Canada may be permitted at the discretion of the CBSA to temporarily import non-compliant vehicles (vehicles not certified to CMVSS) as a result of an emergency or unforeseen circumstance without having to undergo a formal vehicle import border assessment.

### **Declaration of Non-Compliant Vehicles Temporary Import for Special Purposes (formerly known as the Schedule VII)**

80. A Declaration of Non-compliant Vehicles Temporary Import for Special Purposes allows for the temporary importation of non-compliant vehicles (vehicles not certified to CMVSS) into Canada, for a specified period for the prescribed purposes of:

- (a) "exhibition": events where vehicles of various manufacturers or producers are displayed (e.g., exhibits for auto shows) and where the vehicles are the subject of the exhibit;
- (b) "demonstration": to show vehicle models or types to prospective clients, or for use in vehicle promotional-type events (e.g., prototypes, pre-production models);



- (c) “evaluating or testing”: vehicles imported by companies to perform compliance testing or to evaluate vehicle integrity in particular environments or circumstances (e.g., cold-weather testing);
- (d) “further manufacturing” of incomplete vehicles or alteration of new vehicles prior to export; or,
- (e) “to conduct works or operations” that require a specially-designed vehicle for entertainment industry productions, civil engineering project or similar works or operations.
- (f) armored vehicles for use by law enforcement agencies; and
- (g) In the case of a vehicle that is licensed in the United States, a visit to Canada by its owner, if the owner has a residential address in Canada and is the holder of a Canadian driver’s license.

81. With regard to section (g) above, this may include the payment of any applicable duties and taxes owed at the time of import.

82. Although vehicles imported under the terms of a TC Declaration of Non-compliant Vehicles Temporary Import for Special Purposes are exempt from having to comply with CMVSS, they **must**; be accompanied by **an approved TC** declaration at the Canadian border; a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 and; still need to meet applicable CBSA and OGD requirements at the time of importation.

83. A request to temporarily import a non-compliant vehicle via a TC declaration, for the above prescribed purposes **must be submitted to and approved by TC prior** to presenting a vehicle at the Canadian border.

84. At the border, importers must submit a TC stamped and approved Declaration of Non-Compliant Vehicles Temporary Import for Special Purposes and document the entry as such on a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or a RIV e-Form 1, checking the exemption box marked “Vehicle Imported Temporarily for Special Purposes” or the “Vehicle entered for special purposes – Schedule VII” depending on the version of the form presented.

**Note:** Any handwritten mark ups on the TC declaration will result in the declaration being voided. TC emphasizes that the permit solely reflects the importing entity (the Declarant) and the vehicles listed under its authority.

### **Inadmissible Vehicles**

85. Inadmissible vehicles are vehicles that **do not qualify for entry under any of the above** established RIV and non-RIV border clearance guidelines. The following sections provide additional information about known circumstances leading to vehicles being inadmissible for importation into Canada.

### **Modified Vehicles (Includes Returning CMVSS Vehicles)**

86. Vehicles of a regulated class **less than** 15 years old and buses manufactured on or after January 1, 1971 presented for importation that have been modified, (other than having general repairs or routine maintenance), no longer maintains the original factory issued certification which is required for importation into Canada.

87. To be considered admissible importers must submit evidence from the vehicle modifier or final stage manufacturer stating that the modified vehicle complies with all applicable standards, to Transport Canada prior to presenting the vehicle at the border, so as to obtain a CBC authorization. Modified vehicles without this evidence will be denied entry to Canada. For example:

- (a) a motorcycle converted into a trike;
- (b) a cargo van converted into a camper;
- (c) adding a suspension lift kit to a vehicle;
- (d) adapting a vehicle for disabled access;
- (e) lengthening a vehicle;
- (f) re-fitting a vehicle with a different body kit.

88. This also applies to Canadian certified vehicles modified in the US and returning to Canada. Where an individual temporarily exports a Canadian specification vehicle for the purpose of having modifications or

alterations done to the vehicle, there may be issues with regards to maintaining the vehicle's CMVSS certification. Depending on the nature and extent of the modifications, the vehicle may be required to be certified by the company that performed the modifications in order to ensure it still complies with CMVSS. Where the modifications to a vehicle are not certified and no longer comply with CMVSS, then the vehicle will no longer be considered a Canadian specification vehicle and will not qualify for re-entry into Canada.

### **Vehicles Equipped With Modified Suspension Systems (Lift Kits, Pneumatic Systems, etc.)**

89. Vehicles of a regulated class **less than** 15 years old, and buses manufactured on or after January 1, 1971, presented for importation fitted with modified suspensions such as lift or lowering kits, pneumatic suspension systems, etc. are **inadmissible for importation** into Canada because the original manufacturer's certification is no longer maintained. This also applies to returning Canadian owned vehicles that were temporarily exported to be modified.

### **Vehicles Manufactured for a Foreign Market**

90. Vehicles of a regulated class **less than** 15 years old, and buses manufactured **on or after** January 1, 1971, that are manufactured for a foreign market (a market **other than** the US or Mexico), and do not comply with CMVSS are **not eligible for importation**. There are no allowances in the MVSA or the MVSR that allow for non-compliant vehicles to be modified in order to comply with CMVSS, with the exception of vehicles purchased or originally sold on the US market.

### **Grey Market Vehicles**

91. Grey market vehicles are vehicles that were originally manufactured for a foreign domestic market and were subsequently imported into the US or Mexico where they have been modified to comply with the US safety and emissions standards. Grey market vehicles may be identified by a label affixed by the US company that altered the vehicle, indicating that they have been "imported", "altered", or "modified" to comply with the US standards. These vehicles may not have a certification label affixed to them. **Grey market vehicles** less than 15 years old (or buses manufactured on or after January 1, 1971) **are inadmissible for importation** into to Canada.

### **New Trucks Assembled From Glider Kits**

92. TC considers trucks **manufactured from "glider kits" as inadmissible** for importation into Canada due to the lack of certification that demonstrates that these vehicles comply with all applicable CMVSS or FMVSS. Trucks assembled from glider kits, 15 or more years ago, where the importer can submit proof to support the claim for exemption due to age (e.g., registration document) may be admissible under age-exempt status if satisfactory evidence is provided.

**Note: When no identification markings whatsoever exist on a vehicle** to validate the age-exempt status of the vehicle, the vehicle does not qualify for importation using the "non-regulated due to age" exemption and is inadmissible.

### **Replica Cars**

93. Replica cars are treated as vehicles at importation. As they lack the necessary certification to comply with CMVSS, they **are not admissible for importation** unless they were assembled 15 or more years ago (or a bus manufactured prior to January 1, 1971) and the importer can submit proof of age (e.g., a registration document).

**Note:** The age of a replica car is assessed using the final date of assembly of the replica, **not the model year it replicates**.

94. When no identification markings whatsoever exist on a vehicle to validate the age-exempt status of the vehicle, the vehicle does not qualify for importation using the "non-regulated due to age" exemption and is inadmissible.

95. The most common examples of inadmissible replica vehicles are:

- (a) vehicles modified into hot rods, street rods using a donor body and chassis where no identification markings whatsoever exist on the vehicle that can be used to validate the age-exempt status of the donor chassis with the paperwork being supplied by the importer;

(b) vintage replica vehicles including vehicles built from kits, where no identification markings whatsoever exist on a vehicle that can be used to validate the age-exempt status of the vehicle with the paperwork being supplied by the importer.

### **Kit Cars**

96. Kit cars whether fully assembled or unassembled are treated as vehicles at importation. As they lack the necessary certifications to comply with CMVSS, they **are not admissible for importation** unless they were assembled 15 or more years ago and the importer can submit proof of age (e.g., a registration document). The age of a kit car is determined by the final date of assembly of the kit, not the model year it replicates.

### **Junk, Scrap, Non-repairable Branded and Flood or Water Damaged Vehicles**

97. Any regulated class of vehicle branded as junk, scrap, non-repairable (or equivalent) as per any vehicle registration or insurance providers documentation **are inadmissible for importation as “vehicles”**.

98. Furthermore, flood or water-damaged vehicles are considered junk/non-repairable by all licensing jurisdictions in Canada and can only be imported into Canada if the vehicle qualifies for entry under the Vehicle Imported for Parts Only Program. Refer to [paragraph 31](#) for admissibility requirements when declaring vehicles to be imported for parts only.

### **Shipments of Individual Vehicle Parts**

99. The MVSA does not regulate shipments of individual parts, with the exception of tires, and equipment for use in the restraint of children and disabled persons in vehicles.

100. When a border services officer examines a parts shipment (or series of related parts shipment), they will assess if the shipment(s) contains enough parts to meet the definition of a vehicle under the MVSA, or of an incomplete vehicle under the MVSR’s definition. If it is unclear or it becomes evident that the shipment may contain enough parts to meet the definition of a vehicle or an incomplete vehicle, the shipment is to be denied entry or detained until further clarification from TC is obtained to allow for its release.

### **Vehicle Starter Kits**

101. Starter kits are an assemblage of parts (kit) used in the amateur building of a home built vehicles and do not include important systems such as the fuel, brake, power train and suspension systems. On their own, they must not (and cannot) amount to a vehicle.

102. Vehicle starter kits may be imported when adhering to the procedures stipulated on [TC’s website](#). Importers must submit a request for pre-approval to TC and if the kit meets the requirements as stipulated in the TC guidelines, TC will issue a CBC letter to the importer to be presented to CBSA at time of importation.

### **Glider Truck Kits (Not Completed Into Trucks)**

103. A “glider kit” is an assemblage of parts (kit) that constitute a truck minus the power train (i.e. engine, transmission, and drive axle(s)). Glider kits may be imported as parts into Canada because they do not meet the MVSA’s definition of a vehicle or the MVSR’s definition of an incomplete vehicle, and therefore do not fall under TC’s jurisdiction.

### **Tires**

104. Persons wanting to import tires are subject to meeting the requirements of the [Motor Vehicle Tire Safety Regulations](#). For additional information, refer to [Memorandum D19-12-2, Importation of Tires](#).

### **Child Car Seats and Booster Seats**

105. Canadians wanting to import child car seats or booster seats should contact TC (refer to the “Additional Information” section of this document for contact information).

### **Vehicle Importation Disposal Restrictions for Customs Purposes**

106. The Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or the RIV e-Form 1 contains a section entitled “Notice to Provincial/Territorial Licence Authority K-22”. This portion of the form is used to identify whether or not a vehicle has had a disposal restriction imposed by CBSA. The presence of an office date stamp in this section notifies provincial/territorial licensing authorities that the vehicle identified on the Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or the RIV e-Form 1 was accounted for by CBSA.

107. There are three possible disposal restriction options:

(a) This conveyance may not be sold or disposed of in Canada **at any time** without authorization from the CBSA. This restriction indicates that the vehicle may not be sold without CBSA’s authorization and will be imposed in the following situations:

(i) foreign students, who normally reside in Canada for the duration of the school year;

(ii) individuals temporarily employed in Canada, for a period of up to 36 months;

(iii) diplomats, and US preclearance personnel, for the duration of their assignment in Canada; and

(iv) visitors and temporary residents who legally remain in Canada and whose vehicle remains in Canada in excess of **provincial** time limits must have their vehicle licensed and registered.

**Note:** Motor vehicles which have been documented for customs purposes on a Temporary Admission Permit, Form E99 – CBSA Report, or Form [E29B – Temporary Admission Permit](#), should only be issued a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or the RIV e-Form 1 when the importer confirms or anticipates having to fulfill provincial/territorial registration obligations.

(b) This conveyance may not be sold or disposed of in Canada **on or before (date)**. This option indicates that the conveyance may not be sold or disposed of in Canada on, or before the date specified by the CBSA.

**Note:** Generally this applies to settlers and former residents whose vehicles are imported under tariff items No. 9807.00.00 or 9805.00.00 may not be sold for a period of up to 12 months following their arrival in Canada else they will be subject to the duties and taxes otherwise payable.

(c) This conveyance is not subject to a **disposal** restriction. This option indicates that this conveyance may be sold or disposed of in Canada at any time, without authorization from the CBSA.

108. Persons who import vehicles subject to **disposal** restrictions should be reminded that the restrictions must be complied with at all times.

109. In all instances where a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or a RIV e-Form 1 is issued, the CBSA will ensure that the importer and vehicle data portion of the form is completed, that a disposal restriction option is indicated, a transaction number is recorded, and a date stamp appears in the box to the right of that section.

### **Form 1 Procedure Charts — See Appendix**

110. The charts A (1) to A (2) provide an overview of steps to follow when completing a hardcopy Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or a RIV e-Form 1 and chart A(3) provides steps to follow for issuing a replacement hardcopy Form 1 (refer to the [Appendix](#)).

111. There are differences between a Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 and the RIV e-Form 1 and as such, importers should read the title and name of the form carefully to verify they are using the correct form to ensure property border processing.

### **Implementation of the CBSA Single Window Initiative (SWI)**

112. Electronic release requests may also be provided to the CBSA by submitting the SWI IID (SO911).

113. The following TC vehicle entries can be processed using the SWI IID (SO911):

- Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (CMVSS) Appendix G
- CMVSS Appendix F
- CMVSS CBC

- Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) Standard
- FMVSS CBC
- Canadian Vehicles Returning
- Age Exempt
- Non-regulated
- Importation of Vehicles for Parts

114. For commercial importations of vehicles submitted electronically to the CBSA using the SWI IID (SO911), **the CBSA will not accept, process or issue** a Vehicle Importation Form – Form 1, a RIV e-Form 1, a Vehicles Imported for Parts – Form, a RIV e-Form 3 as these forms are not necessary for release requests submitted via the SWI IID (SO911).

115. For commercial vehicle importations submitted via the SWI IID (SO911), **BSOs no longer need to** verify the Vehicle Import Compatibility (VIC) list for vehicles purchased in the US; nor ensure that the manufacturer and vehicle class is listed in TC's [Appendix G Pre-clearance Program – Foreign Manufacturers of New Canadian Specification Vehicles](#).

116. Vehicles imported under TC's [CBC process](#) will no longer be required to present a CBC letter for both Canadian and US specification vehicles. However, importers will need to continue to apply to TC **4 to 6 weeks in advance** to obtain approval and to receive a CBC authorization number that must be submitted in the SWI IID (SO911) process (i.e. this is a required data element).

117. Importers and brokers may declare the following conformance criteria via SWI:

- SoC Label
- Manufacturer letter of Compliance (in lieu of a Compliance Label)
- Importers and brokers may provide the Affirmation Statement of Compliance to the CBSA electronically through SWI.

118. In addition and only when required, images (e.g., Manufacturer Letter of Compliance, Manufacturer Certificate of Origin, Racing Sanctioning Body Letter or any other document) can be electronically submitted via the SWI IID Document Image Functionality (SO927).

119. Title documents **are mandatory for vehicles that are to be registered in the RIV Program** and **must** be submitted electronically via the SWI IID Document Image Functionality (SO927). **If a title document is not submitted, BSOs are to refuse entry.**

120. Title documents **are NOT mandatory** for vehicles that are not required to enter the RIV Program. BSOs are required to verify whether the vehicle, importer, and vendor details match supporting documentation to demonstrate valid ownership (e.g. licensing document, bill of sale or the New Vehicle Information Statement (NVIS) for new Canadian compliant vehicles, etc.).

121. For vehicles imported using a SWI IID (SO911), the required vehicle data will be reported to the relevant province and territories by the RIV electronically through the Interprovincial Records Exchange (IRE).

122. In the case of a SWI IID (SO911) commercial importation of a vehicle, the vehicle admissibility decision is made electronically as per TC's business process flows (i.e., TC makes a **recommended** release, refer or reject decision).

123. The following entry types **cannot** be submitted using the SWI IID (SO911): Vehicles imported under a declaration of *Vehicles Imported Temporarily for Special Purposes* and personal importations of vehicles unless they are being processed by a Customs broker. Note that for these import categories the Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 is obligatory unless they are being processed by a Customs broker.

124. For more information on the SWI, please refer to the [CBSA website](#).

### **Other Vehicle Import Requirements That May Apply**

## Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) Requirements

125. On-road vehicles may be subject to the [On-road Vehicle and Engine Emission Regulations](#) under the [Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999](#), administered by ECCC.

126. Off-road vehicles may be subject to the [Marine Spark-ignition Engine, Vessel and Off-road Recreational Vehicle Emission Regulations](#) under the [Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999](#), administered by ECCC.

127. For assistance, the importer can contact ECCC. Contact information and web site addresses can be found in the “[Additional Information](#)” section of this document.

## Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) Requirements

128. The following are subject to import requirements, and inspection procedures and fees in order to prevent the entry and establishment of injurious plant pests in Canada:

- (a) used agricultural vehicles, equipment, implements, containers, and carriers;
- (b) used earth moving vehicles, equipment, implements, tools, carriers and containers;
- (c) used passenger and recreational vehicles; and
- (d) used military equipment.

129. Regardless of origin, imported used vehicles, farm equipment and related earth moving vehicles and equipment must be free from soil, sand, earth, plant residue, manure and related debris. Many exotic plant pest organisms capable of causing economic loss to Canadian agricultural production can be transported in soil and related matter. For additional information, refer to [Memorandum D19-1-1, Food, Plants, Animals and Related Products](#).

## Customs Tariff, Taxes and Duties

130. Vehicles eligible for importation into Canada will be assessed for duty, excise tax and the goods and services tax (GST). The CBSA will assess duty on a vehicle manufactured in a country other than the US and Mexico.

131. If a vehicle is imported into Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Ontario or British Columbia the importer must pay the GST, as well as the provincial part of the harmonized sales tax when they license their vehicle. For other provinces, sales tax may be applied when they license their vehicle.

## Green Levy and Air Conditioning Tax

132. Imported vehicles that have an air conditioning unit are subjected to a CAN \$100 excise tax. Importers will have to pay additional excise taxes (Green Levy) only if the vehicle has a weighted average fuel consumption rating of 13 or more litres per 100 kilometers and is put into service after March 19, 2007.

133. The Green Levy applies to automobiles (including station wagons, vans, and sports utility vehicles) designed primarily for the use as passenger vehicles, but not including pickup trucks, vans equipped to accommodate 10 or more passengers, ambulances, and hearses.

## Detention

134. The CBSA has the authority to detain inadmissible vehicles that do not meet TC’s import requirements under section 101 of the *Customs Act*.

135. Detained non-commercial vehicles presented by non-commercial entities will be documented on Form BSF241, Non-monetary General Receipt. Detained commercial vehicles will be documented on Form K26, Notice of Detention, and in addition, the accounting package presented for release will be rejected. These documents must indicate that the vehicle is detained for non-compliance under the MVSA and/or the MVSR and is to be **exported, abandoned to the Crown or destroyed**. A copy of Form BSF241 or Form K26 is forwarded to TC as notification of the detention. Importers seeking to appeal a CBSA detention decision must contact TC for further clarification on steps to follow.

## Storage

136. The guidelines and procedures outlined in [Memorandum D4-1-5, Storage of Goods](#) apply to all vehicles detained, pending disposal. The time limit for storage outlined in the *Storage of Goods Regulations* will be upheld at all times. The importer is responsible for the costs associated with storage.

## Disposal

137. Vehicles that are seized, abandoned or forfeited under the *Customs Act* and fail to qualify for importation under the MVSA may be sold under Crown disposal rules on the condition they are sold “for export only” and follow-up is completed with CBSA to validate the vehicles have been exported. Otherwise these will be subject to destruction by crushing or cubing under CBSA supervision.

## Penalty Information

138. Every corporation or company that contravenes this Act, the regulations or an order
- (a) is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction and is liable to a fine of not more than \$200,000; or
  - (b) is guilty of an indictable offence and is liable to a fine of not more than \$2 million.
139. Every individual who contravenes this Act, the regulations or an order
- (a) is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction and is liable to a fine of not more than \$4,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than six months, or to both; or
  - (b) is guilty of an indictable offence and is liable to a fine of not more than \$20,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than two years, or to both.

## Additional Information

140. For information about import requirements for vehicles purchased or originally sold in the US and the RIV Program, contact:

Registrar of Imported Vehicles  
405 The West Mall, Suite 500  
Toronto, ON M9C 5K7

Telephone: **1-888-848-8240** (toll-free from within Canada or the United States) or 416-626-6812 (all other countries)

Fax: 416-626-0366

Email: [support@support.riv.ca](mailto:support@support.riv.ca)

Website: [www.riv.ca](http://www.riv.ca)

141. For additional information on importing vehicles or further clarification on content found in the memorandum, contact:

Transport Canada  
Motor Vehicle Safety Directorate  
Place de Ville, Tower C  
330 Sparks Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N5

Telephone: **1-800-333-0371** (toll-free in Canada and the United States) or 613-998-8616

Fax: 613-998-8541

Email: [mvs-sa@tc.gc.ca](mailto:mvs-sa@tc.gc.ca)

Website: [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)

142. For information about the CFIA's **requirements for any vehicle**, contact the National Import Service Center:

**NISC** 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. (local time)

Telephone: **1-800-835-4486** (toll-free in Canada and the United States) 416-661-3039 (other countries)

Fax: 416-661-5767

143. For information about ECCC's requirements, contact:

Inquiry Centre

10 Wellington, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Gatineau, QC K1A 0H3

Telephone: 819-997-2800

Toll Free: **1-800-668-6767** (in Canada only)

Fax: 819-994-1412

Teletypewriter: 819-994-0736

Email: [enviroinfo@ec.gc.ca](mailto:enviroinfo@ec.gc.ca)

144. For more information, within Canada call the Border Information Service at **1-800-461-9999**. From outside Canada call 204-983-3500 or 506-636-5064. Long distance charges will apply. Agents are available Monday to Friday (08:00 – 16:00 local time / except holidays). TTY is also available within Canada: **1-866-335-3237**.



## Appendix

### Chart A-1: Procedures for Vehicles to be registered in the RIV Program

For commercial imports utilizing the SWI IID (SO911) refer to [Chart C-1](#) for procedures

Step	Action	I/B	CBSA
1	Report to the CBSA office.	X	
2	Verify that the vehicle is eligible for importation via the RIV program and listed as admissible on TC's VIC List . If necessary, contact the RIV at <b>1-800-575-0465</b> or <b>1-800-691-5911</b> (Quebec only).		X
3	Verify that commercial vehicle importations required to be registered in the RIV Program are being processed at a designated commercial office.		X
4	Complete sections 1 to 15 and sign and date the bottom of the Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1.	X	
5	Verify that sections 1 to 15 of the Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 are complete.		X
6	<b>Title documents are mandatory.</b> Verify the CoT, Salvage Title, or the Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin for new U.S. compliant vehicles or Mexican vehicle ownership documents (whichever applies). The title document must be an original. If a title document is not submitted, <b>refuse the entry</b> .  This applies for both casual (non-commercial) and commercial importations. In rare cases where ownership information differs from the mandatory requirements, the importer must be in a position to demonstrate to the border services officer that current ownership status is valid in accordance to the state laws where the vehicle was last registered.		X
7	In the case of a <b>leased or financed vehicle</b> , if the financial institution does not provide the client with the original CoT or a certified copy of the CoT, then a copy of the CoT with an original letter/statement from the financial institution authorizing that specific vehicle to be exported is acceptable. The statement should identify the vehicle and include the VIN of the vehicle.		X
8	Verify whether the vehicle, importer, and vendor information matches the information on the supporting documentation (Title, US proof of export (if provided), licensing document, bill of sale, invoice, etc.)		X
9	Verify that the importer or broker has signed and dated the declaration at the bottom of the Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or the RIV e-Form 1.		X
10	Examine the vehicle for the appropriate SoC label and ensure that the VIN matches the VIN provided on the form and the supporting documentation. For these vehicles the border services officer will make best efforts to ensure that the vehicle description and the VIN are accurately represented on the Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or the RIV e-Form 1.		X
11	Cross out all RIV-exempt import categories on the carbon copy editions of Vehicle Import Form – Form 1  <b>Note:</b> These instructions do not apply to the RIV e-Form 1 as there are two separate RIV e-Forms (one for non-exempt vehicles and one for exempt vehicles)).		X
12	Contact the RIV at <b>1-888-848-8240</b> or visit <a href="http://www.riv.ca">www.riv.ca</a> for applicable fees.	X	
13	Complete the K22 section: (a) choose the appropriate disposal restriction; (b) write N/A for the options not applicable; (c) record the CBSA transaction number; and (d) stamp the K22 section on all copies		X

	<b>Note: Do not stamp section 16 of the Vehicle Import Form – Form 1.</b>		
	<b>Note:</b> These instructions do not apply to the RIV e-Form 1 as there are two separate RIV e-Forms (one for non-exempt vehicles and one for exempt vehicles).		
14	Fax the Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or the RIV e-Form 1 and a copy of the title to the RIV at <b>1-888-346-8235</b> within 24 hours of registration.		X
15	Distribute copies of the form as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 white (original) and gold carbon to the importer or for the RIV e-Form 1 the copy of the form that is watermarked as <b>province/territory</b> and <b>importer</b>;</li> <li>• Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 canary/yellow CBSA carbon copy or for the RIV e-Form 1 the form that is watermarked CBSA; and</li> <li>• Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 the pink RIV carbon copy or for the RIV e-Form 1 the form that is watermarked RIV to the RIV at the address below <b>within 24 hours of registration.</b></li> </ul> <p>Registrar of Imported Vehicles 405 The West Mall, Suite 500 Toronto, ON M9C 5K7</p>		X
16	Release vehicle in accordance with regular CBSA processing.		X
17	Importer must submit recall clearance to the RIV as soon as possible to obtain their RIV vehicle inspection sheet.	X	
18	Complete vehicle modifications to comply with CMVSS and have it inspected by a RIV inspection station in accordance to the signed declaration	X	

### Chart A-2: Procedures for Vehicles Not Required to be registered in the RIV Program

For commercial imports utilizing the SWI IID (SO911) refer to [Chart C-2](#) for procedures

Step	Action	I/B	CBSA
1	Report to a CBSA office.	X	
2	Complete sections 1 to 16 and sign and date the bottom of the Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or sections 1 to 15 on the RIV e-Form 1	X	
3	Verify that sections 1 to 16 of the Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or sections 1 to 15 on the RIV e-Form 1 are complete.		X
4	Verify whether the vehicle, importer, and vendor details match supporting documentation demonstrating valid ownership (CoT not mandatory as some vehicles may not be originating from the United States), licensing document, bill of sale, valid Schedule VII permit, or the New Vehicle Information Statement (NVIS) for new Canadian compliant vehicles, etc.) where applicable.		X
5	Write N/A in section 2 of the Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 and on the RIV e-Form 1		X
6	Verify that the import category declared in section 16 of the Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or sections 16 on the RIV e-Form 1 applies.		X
7	Examine the vehicle to ensure that the VIN matches the VIN provided on the Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or RIV e-Form 1 and the supporting documentation. For these vehicles the border services officer will make best efforts to ensure that the vehicle import category, description and the “Vehicle Identification Number” (VIN) are accurately represented on the IID.		X
8	Place CBSA officer stamp in section 16 of the Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 or the RIV e-Form 1 on all copies.		X
9	Cross out RIV section 17 on carbon copy editions of the Vehicle Import Form – Form 1.  <b>Note:</b> These instructions do not apply to the RIV e-Form 1 as there are two separate RIV e-Forms (one for non-exempt vehicles and one for exempt vehicles)).		X
10	Complete the K22 section: (a) choose the appropriate disposal restriction; (b) record CBSA transaction number; and (c) stamp the K22 section on all copies.		X
11	Distribute copies of the form as follows:		X

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 white (original) and gold carbon to the importer or for the RIV e-Form 1 the copy of the form that is watermarked as <b>province/territory</b> and <b>importer</b>;</li> <li>Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 canary/yellow CBSA carbon copy or for the RIV e-Form 1 the form that is watermarked CBSA; and</li> <li>Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 the pink RIV carbon copy or for the RIV e-Form 1 the form that is watermarked RIV to the RIV at the address below <b>within 24 hours of registration</b>.</li> </ul> <p>Registrar of Imported Vehicles 405 The West Mall, Suite 500 Toronto, ON M9C 5K7</p>		
12	Vehicles imported temporarily must be removed from Canada on the date specified on CBSA documentation.	X	

### Chart A-3: Procedures for Issuing a Replacement Vehicle Import Form – Form 1 (all cases)

Step	Action	I/B	CBSA
1	Report to the CBSA office.	X	
2	Advise the border services officer that your Vehicle Import Form - Form 1 was lost/stolen and you require a replacement.	X	
3	If the original Vehicle Import Form - Form 1 was completed at the same CBSA office, a copy of the original document will be retrieved. If the original Vehicle Import Form - Form 1 was submitted at a different office, the border services officer will contact the RIV, <b>1-800-575-0465</b> , and request a copy of the form. The information from the original Vehicle Import Form - Form 1 will then be transcribed on the new Form.		X
4	If the importer is changing the import category from the original Vehicle Import Form - Form 1, then the importer is <b>altering</b> or cancelling his original declaration rather than seeking a replacement. In these circumstances, border clearance must be re-assessed according to the new import category. Proper documentation will be required to confirm admissibility to the new declaration as per normal procedures outlined in this memorandum.  <b>Note:</b> It is <b>very</b> important to ensure that a vehicle importation that is being altered or cancelled is carefully re-assessed when a new entry is declared exempt from the RIV program.		X
5	In cases where the VIN number must be changed on a form, the vehicle <b>must</b> be examined to confirm that the new VIN is in fact the VIN affixed to the vehicle.		X
6	For entries into the RIV, go to step 2 of Chart A-1 (RIV entry) and proceed to complete the Vehicle Import Form - Form 1 accordingly.  <b>Note:</b> The importer is not required to pay the RIV fee again <b>if</b> it has already been paid.		X
7	For entries not required to be registered in the RIV, go to step 2 of Chart A-2 (RIV exempt entry) and proceed to complete the Vehicle Import Form - Form 1 accordingly.		X
8	Cross-reference the original Vehicle Import Form - Form 1 with the replacement Vehicle Import Form - Form 1 by writing the form control number of the original Vehicle Import Form - Form 1 on the top of the replacement Vehicle Import Form - Form 1, and vice versa.		X
9	Distribute copies of the Vehicle Import Form - Form 1 according to charts A-1 or A-2, whichever is the case.		X
10	If applicable, inform the importer of any new responsibilities that may apply according to the type of entry declared on the replacement Vehicle Import Form - Form 1 (e.g., new RIV-entry or non-RIV entry).		X

### Chart B (1): Procedures for Issuing a Vehicle Imported for Parts – Form 3 or RIV e-Form 3 (US Certified Vehicles Only)

For commercial imports utilizing the SWI IID (SO911) refer to [Chart C-3](#) for procedures

Step	Action	I/B	CBSA
1	Report to the CBSA office.	X	

2	Verify that the vehicle qualifies for importation as: (a) a vehicle that is more than 15 years old (or a bus manufactured prior to January 1, 1971), or (b) a vehicle that is eligible for the RIV program and it is listed as either admissible on VIC List.		X
3	If the vehicle is listed as <b>admissible</b> on the VIC List, ensure that the CoT or Salvage Title is presented.		X
4	Verify that commercial importations of vehicles declared for parts are being registered in the RIV Program at a designated commercial office.		X
5	Complete sections 1 to 12 of the Vehicle Imported for Parts – Form 3 or RIV e-Form 3 and sign and date the declaration in section 13 of the Vehicle Imported for Parts – Form 3 or RIV e-Form 3.	X	
6	Verify that sections 1 to 12 of the Vehicle Imported for Parts – Form 3 or RIV e-Form 3 are complete.		X
7	Verify and ensure that the importer or broker has signed the declaration in section 13 of the Vehicle Imported for Parts – Form 3 or RIV e-Form 3		X
8	Vehicles imported for parts on the Form 3 do not require inspection unless warranted by the border services officer.		X
9	Contact the RIV at <b>1-888-848-8240</b> or visit <a href="http://www.riv.ca">www.riv.ca</a> for applicable fees.	X	
10	Complete the Form 3 by; (a) Recording the transaction number in the allocated area, and (b) applying your CBSA officer stamp in allocated area on all copies		X
11	Fax the Vehicle Imported for Parts – Form 3 or RIV e-Form 3 and a copy of the Title to the RIV at <b>1-888-346-8235</b> , within 24 hours of registration.		X
12	Distribute copies of the form as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicle Import for Parts Only – Form 3 white (original) and gold carbon to the importer or for the RIV e-Form 3 the copy of the form that is watermarked as <b>province/territory</b> and <b>importer</b>;</li> <li>• Vehicle Import for Parts Only – Form 3 canary/yellow CBSA carbon copy or for the RIV e-Form 3 the form that is watermarked CBSA; and</li> <li>• Vehicle Import for Parts Only – Form 3 the pink RIV carbon copy or for the RIV e-Form 3 the form that is watermarked RIV to the RIV at the address below <b>within 24 hours</b>.</li> </ul> Registrar of Imported Vehicles 405 The West Mall, Suite 500 Toronto, ON M9C 5K7		X
13	Release vehicle in accordance with regular CBSA processing.		X

### Chart C-1: SWI Participants - Procedures for Commercial Vehicles to be registered in the RIV Program

#### (FMVSS Standard and FMVSS CBC Processes)

Step	Step	I/B	RIV	CBSA
1	Submit the SWI IID (SO911)	X		
2	Make <i>either</i> an automatic or a manual recommendation.		X	
3	Report to a CBSA office.	X		
4	Retrieve related requests in the Accelerated Commercial Release Operation Support System (ACROSS) to determine if an Licences, Permits, Certificates and Others (LPCO) was provided.			X
5	View an image of the LPCO, which is accessible within the ICS menu (if supplied and/or applicable).			X
6	<b>Titles: Title documents are mandatory.</b> Verify the Vehicle Title, CoT, Manufacturers Letter of Compliance data in SWI against the image that was provided. <b>If a title document is not submitted, refuse the entry.</b>			X
7	Examine the vehicle for the appropriate SoC label and ensure that the VIN matches the VIN provided on the SWI IID (SO911) and the supporting documentation. For these vehicles the border services officer will make best efforts to ensure that the vehicle			X

	description and the “Vehicle Identification Number” (VIN) are accurately represented on the SWI IID (SO911).			
8	Contact the RIV at <b>1-888-848-8240</b> or visit <a href="http://www.riv.ca">www.riv.ca</a> for applicable fees.	X		X
9	Make a final release, refer or reject decision of the IID.			X
10	Provide the relevant province and territories with electronic data through the Interprovincial Records Exchange.		X	
11	Complete modifications required to the vehicle to comply with CMVSS and have vehicle inspected by a RIV inspection station in accordance with the signed declaration	X		

### Chart C-2: SWI Participants - Procedures for Commercial Vehicles not required to be registered in the RIV Program

(CMVSS Appendix F, CMVSS Appendix G, CMVSS CBC), age exemption (greater than 15 years), Returning Vehicles (original owner) and Unregulated Vehicles

Step	Step	I/B	RIV	CBSA
1	Submit the SWI IID (SO911).	X		
2	Make <i>either</i> an automatic or a manual recommendation.		X	
3	Report to a CBSA office.	X		
4	Retrieve related requests in ACROSS to determine if an LPCO was provided.			X
5	View an image of the LPCO, which is accessible within the ICS menu.			X
6	Verify whether the vehicle, importer, and vendor details match supporting documentation demonstrating valid ownership ( <b>certificate of title not mandatory</b> as some vehicles may not be originating from the United States), licensing document, bill of sale, or the New Vehicle Information Statement (NVIS) for new Canadian compliant vehicles etc.) where applicable.			X
7	Examine the vehicle to ensure that the VIN matches the VIN provided on the IID and the supporting documentation. For these vehicles the border services officer will make best efforts to ensure that the vehicle import category, description and the “Vehicle Identification Number” (VIN) are accurately represented on the IID.			X
8	Make a final release, refer or reject decision of the IID.			X
9	Provide the relevant province and territories with electronic data through the Interprovincial Records Exchange.		X	

### Chart C-3: SWI Participants - Procedures for Vehicles for Parts

Step	Step	I/B	RIV	CBSA
1	Submit the SWI IID (SO911).	X		
2	Make <i>either</i> an automatic or a manual recommendation.		X	
3	Report to a CBSA office.	X		
4	Retrieve related requests in ACROSS to determine if an LPCO was provided.			X
5	View an image of the LPCO, through the Single Window application, accessible within the ICS menu.			X
6	<b>Titles: Title documents are mandatory.</b> Verify the Vehicle Title, CoT, and Manufacturers Letter of Compliance against the image that was provided. <b>If a title document is not submitted, refuse the entry.</b>			X
7	Contact the RIV at <b>1-888-848-8240</b> or visit <a href="http://www.riv.ca">www.riv.ca</a> for applicable fees.	X		
8	Make a final release, refer or reject decision of the IID.			X

9	Provide the relevant province and territories with electronic data through the Interprovincial Records Exchange.		X	
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<b>References</b>	
<b>Issuing Office</b>	Program and Policy Management Division Commercial Programs Directorate Commercial and Trade Branch
<b>Headquarters File</b>	
<b>Legislative References</b>	<a href="#">Customs Act</a> <a href="#">Motor Vehicle Safety Act</a> <a href="#">Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations</a> <a href="#">Plant Protection Act</a>
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