

COMMUNIQUÉ

Importation of Second-Hand Motor Vehicles from Japan

Dealers in the importation and sale of second-hand motor vehicles, individual importers and the public in general are hereby informed that the Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 1999 have been amended with effect from 23 May 2011. The main provisions in the amended Regulations are:-

- (i) for any importation originating from Japan, an original Certificate of Conformity issued by Bureau Veritas (Japan) has to be submitted on the arrival of the second-hand motor vehicle(s);
- (ii) Certificate of Conformity issued only by the Bureau Veritas (Japan) will be accepted for the time being;
- (iii) if there is no Certificate of Conformity, a fee of Rs. 100,000 is payable before getting customs clearance;
- (iv) a bank guarantee of Rs. 100,000/- per vehicle has to be submitted in favour of the Ministry of Industry & Commerce on application of import permit by both individual importers and second-hand motor vehicle dealers;
- (v) there is a complete ban on importation of second-hand spare parts and accessories of motor vehicles from Japan;
- (vi) if on verification by the Radiation Protection Authority, a vehicle is found not to be free from removable radioactive surface contamination, individual importer and second-hand motor vehicle dealer will have to return the vehicle at their own expenses within 2 months; otherwise, the importer(s) would be liable to a fine not exceeding Rs. 100,000 and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years; and
- (vii) for import of second-hand vehicles from Japan by both individual importers and authorized dealers without prior import permit, the fee payable has been increased from Rs25,000 to Rs100,000. If import has been made from any other countries without prior import permit, the fee payable has been increased to Rs50,000.