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Subject: Car to France-must register within 4 months of importing

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RE shipping a car to France and registering: Found the below...must register within 4 months of importing (it is requested you do so immediately) You must also have the car comply with French standards and will almost always require modifications, sometimes of an expensive nature...

WARNING

[*Once the vehicle has been cleared through Customs, you are under a strict obligation to apply for its registration under a French domestic license plate. You should complete this formality without delay and, in any case, within 4 months of importing the vehicle into France.*]

[*You should get in touch with your local "préfecture" for more information. But bear in mind that you will not be issued a French license plate unless:*

[*- you submit the customs entry certificate #846 A or, if you have paid Value Added Tax to the French Internal Revenue Service ("Direction Générale des Impôts"), a certificate of intra-Community acquisition ("certificat d'acquisition") issued by the local tax collector;*

[*For more info regarding registration of the vehicle, please follow the link : www.ants.interieur.gouv.fr/*)]

[*- you have the vehicle's conformity to French safety and environment standards checked by the local "direction régionale de l'industrie, de la recherche et de l'environnement" (DRIRE). Almost all vehicles purchased outside France are not manufactured to comply with French standards and will require modifications, sometimes of an expensive nature. You are particularly advised, prior to shipping the vehicle to France, to check with the manufacturer in Canada or the US the kinds of modifications that will be required to bring the vehicle in conformity with French standards. Nonconforming vehicles must be exported. After the expiration of the 4-month time limit, they may not be driven in France with the foreign license plates.*]

[*For more information on the changes you will have to undertake you can contact a regional environment directorate (DREAL) by clicking on the interactive map at the end of the page <http://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/index.php/services-deconcentres-du-ministere> *]

Failure to comply may result in severe penalties.