

Information needed to obtain Nonresident Temporary Importation Approval Letter from EPA

Nonconforming motor vehicles may be temporarily imported into the U.S. by a nonresident for personal use by the owner (importer) for a period not to exceed one year. Only individual nonresidents may import a vehicle through a nonresident exemption. The conditions of this temporary exemption are:

- Vehicle may not be sold or otherwise transferred to another party in the U.S.;
- Exemption is voided if the vehicle is either used for commercial purposes, or used principally by any person other than the owner (or spouse of the owner); and
- Vehicle must be exported after one year, or upon the nonresident departing the U.S., whichever comes first. **Taking a vehicle into Canada or Mexico does not constitute exportation unless the vehicle was from Mexico or Canada.**

To obtain a Nonresident Temporary Importation Approval Letter from EPA; please provide the following information in a letter that is signed by the requestor/importer:

1. Your full name, current foreign address, phone number, Fax number, and email address (if applicable)
2. Your U.S. address, phone number, Fax number, and email address (if applicable)
3. Vehicle year, make, model and Vehicle Identification Number
4. A statement explaining the reason for your visit to the United States. (Work/school/vacation).
5. The date of the importation
6. Location of the vehicle and the Nonresident at the time of request.
7. The duration of the importation.
8. Proof of ownership (Registration or title documents from country of origin).

Please fax or email your application to:

EPA Imports Line
Imports Group
Light Duty Vehicle Center
Compliance Division
2000 Traverwood Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
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