

5502: Customs Procedures for Exporting Used Vehicles

Under the “Law to Partially Amend the Road Vehicle Law” which came into force on 1 January, 2005, (Law No. 89 /17 July 2002), an owner of a registered vehicle intending to export the vehicle is required to apply for the Registration Deletion and obtain the Certificate of Registration Deletion, in advance, from the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (Transportation Office or Motor Vehicle Inspection and Registration Office). Following the Export Permit, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport shall confirm the export of the vehicle in question and delete the registration.

When exporting a vehicle whose registration has already been deleted, you are required to inform the intention to export, return the Certificate of Registration Deletion, and obtain the Certificate of Notice of Planned Export from to the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (Transportation Office or Motor Vehicle Inspection and Registration Office).

Based on the amendment above, under Article 70, paragraph 2 of the Customs Law (proof or confirmation), an owner of a registered vehicle and an owner of a vehicle whose registration has been deleted are required to provide customs with the Certificate of Registration Deletion in the case of the former and the Certificate of Notice of Planned Export in the case of the latter at the time the export inspection is to be confirmed by the customs office.

The Certificate of Registration Deletion and the Certificate of Notice of Planned Export are both valid for six months from the date of issue. The provision of the said law is applicable (under Article 4 of the supplementary provision) to the registered or the registration-deleted vehicle whose export declaration is made from 1 July 2005.

Please contact the nearest Transportation Office or Motor Vehicle Inspection and Registration Office for details.

[Reference] Website of MLIT

<http://www.mlit.go.jp/jidosha/kensatoroku/sikyoku/index.htm>