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Updated UK Driving Standards for Imported Vehicles

US License Plates and Other Country Plates in the UK

Per the JA newsletter published 04 Jan 2024, the locally agreed policy for a US imported vehicle to drive on local roads for up to 30 days after import has been rescinded. The new policy for all imported vehicles is as follows:

- The vehicle will be allowed 2 total trips on UK roads.
 1. To drive from place of origin (VPC or customs entry point if driving from Europe) to place of residence.
 2. To travel to the MOT test site for a pre-arranged appointment.

During this time the vehicle must be insured to drive on public roads. The imported vehicles will be Road Tax free for the first year of the vehicle being in country. If the vehicle has been purchased from another service member and has already been in country for more than a year, then the vehicle must be taxed like normal.

The imported vehicle will not be added to the USAFE Form 435 (UK Drivers License/Gas Card) until the full registration process is complete and the vehicle is ready to receive UK plates.

Additional Considerations for Driving in the UK

There are multiple locations requiring a tax(toll) to be paid in addition to the UK road tax. If using a GPS guide, you will typically be notified via the GPS prior to crossing a toll road, but it is the driver's responsibility to be aware of them. Examples of these include:

- Tolled Roads, Bridges, and Tunnels. These will have signs prior to crossing describing the location and cost.
- London
 - o Low Emission charge (Diesel vehicles)
 - o Ultra-Low Emissions charge (Gas and Diesel vehicles)
 - o Congestions Charge (visit <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/check-your-vehicle/>)
 - o Airport Drop Off/Pick Up charge. (This is a new UK tax involving most airports including Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, etc. Each airport has different times and costs associated. You will need to check the requirements of the airport you expect to use.)

All vehicles must be registered with the 100 SFS Pass and Registration office within 3 duty days of purchase, regardless of if you plan to purchase gas on base for the vehicle or not.