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Documents for proving right of vehicle use to enforcement authorities in traffic

As of Saturday 16 March 2024, drivers of all Russian-registered cars in traffic are required to prove their right to use their vehicles when asked. This attachment contains information on documents that drivers can present for proving their right of use. What documents are required depends on the particular exception that allows using the car.

Customs recommends that drivers keep the required documents in their vehicles, so that they can prove their right to use Russian-registered vehicles right away when enforcement authorities so request.

Enforcement authorities always check the driver's right to drive the vehicle, as well as the registration certificate.

Exceptions based on the EU sanctions regulation:

- Car of an EU or EEA citizen who is a permanent resident of Russia, and of their family member:
 - o certificate of permanent residence outside the EU, for example a copy of the Russian residence permit, and
 - o ID card proving EU or EEA citizenship.
- Diplomatic car:
 - o an account on future registration as a diplomatic car

National exceptions:

- Car used by a full-time student who resides permanently outside the EU:
 - o residence permit for studies or proof of permanent residence outside the EU, and
 - o certificate of enrolment at an educational establishment
- Car used by a person who resides permanently outside the EU and has a valid fixed-term employment contract:
 - o residence permit based on employment or proof of permanent residence outside the EU, and
 - o a copy of a valid fixed-term employment contract, or an appropriate document proving employment provided by the fixed-term place of work
- Russian-registered car of a permanent EU resident that is used as a company car:
 - o a copy of an employment contract, and
 - o proof of the car being owned or administered by an employer based outside the EU
- Car for which Customs has extended the time limit for temporary admission:
 - o Decision on the extension of the time limit for temporary admission granted by Customs.

All cars under national exceptions are required to have arrived in Finland no later than 15 September 2023.

The time limit for temporary admission of Russian-registered cars used by persons under international protection due to the war in Ukraine will continue until 31 March 2024. Finland has a national policy that enables the customs clearance of Russian-registered cars used by such persons as removal vehicles

during the period from 16 to 31 March 2024. Persons under an exception are required to have brought their vehicle to Finland no later than 19 December 2023. Such persons must present a residence permit granted according to section 110a of the Aliens Act of Finland.

For registering a car in Finland, import clearance must start before the expiry of the time limit, that is, no later than 31 March 2024. We ask that customers contact our [Customer Service](#) during office hours.