

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TEAM MEMORANDUM



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SUBJECT: Shipment of Foreign-made Vehicles

REF: ASTM 73-010, October 26, 1973

The following information contained in Department of State telegram 170574 of August 29 provides implementing regulations for the prohibition on the shipment of foreign-made, foreign-purchased vehicles cited in ASTM 73-010. The regulation applies to State, USIA, and AID employees.

"1. It is the policy of the Department of State not to reimburse employees for the shipment of foreign-made, foreign-purchased vehicles. In recognition of certain specific circumstances at posts around the world a limited number of exceptions are authorized. The regulation is as follows:

'6 FAM 165.9 Shipment of Foreign Vehicles - A foreign-made vehicle purchased and delivered in the United States may be treated in the same manner as a U.S. manufactured motor vehicle for the purpose of transportation. A foreign-made, foreign-purchased motor vehicle may be shipped to or between Posts, but may not be shipped to the United States at Government expense unless it qualifies under one of the provisions of Section 165.9-1.

'165.9-1 General Exceptions - A foreign-made, foreign-purchased motor vehicle owned by an employee or family member authorized to travel may be shipped to or returned to the United States when the vehicle:

'a) Was purchased after September 11, 1970, and prior to October 24, 1972, or

'b) Was purchased by a new employee at least three months prior to the notification of his selection for appointment, or

DISTRIBUTION: Embassy - 100 ARMA/AIRA - 60
 USAID - B, E USIS - 15
 Air America - 10 Continental - 10 AHI - 5

'c) Cannot legally be sold or disposed of at the overseas Post of assignment, or

'd) Must be shipped for evacuation purposes (See Section 125.7), or

'e) Was purchased for use in a country where the following conditions apply:

'1) Local laws or other requirements permit only the operation of right-hand drive vehicles, or

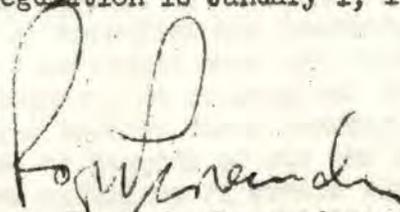
'2) Parts and service are not available for American vehicles at the Post. (Written justification submitted by Post to Washington bear certification of Chief of Mission or Principal Officer, when there is no immediate supervisory Post), or

'3) Use of a foreign-made vehicle is necessary for reasons of personal safety of employees. (Prior Washington authorization is necessary.)

"2. Any vehicle which would qualify for shipment to the United States under the provisions of 165.9-1 (E) remains qualified for shipment to the United States even if subsequently shipped to a Post that is not eligible under the provisions of 165.9-1 (E).

"3. Authority to ship a foreign-made, foreign-purchased motor vehicle under any of the general exceptions must be contained in the employee's travel authorization or amendment thereto.

"4. The effective date of this regulation is January 1, 1973.
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