CUSTOMS NOTICE

Importing Vehicles under Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road vehicles (CARNET Scheme)

As a contracting party to the Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles (CARNET Scheme), Sri Lanka shall grant temporary admission without payment of import duties, taxes and levies, subject to re-exportation and to other conditions laid down in the Convention, to vehicles owned by normal residents outside Sri Lanka for their private use on the occasion of a temporary visit. This facility is granted subject to following conditions.

1. The Carnet holder shall not be a person normally resident of Sri Lanka.
2. The period of the temporary importation shall not exceed 3 months.
3. The visitor shall not take up paid employment or any other form of gainful occupation during the temporary visit.
4. The vehicle shall not be loaned, abandoned, hired, sold or otherwise disposed in Sri Lanka.
5. The vehicle shall be re-exported within the validity period of the temporary importation.

Any breach of the provisions of the Convention, violations of conditions given, any substitution, false declaration or act having the effects of causing a person or an article improperly to benefit from the system of importation laid down in this Convention, may render the offender liable for penalties and forfeitures imposed under the Customs Ordinance of Sri Lanka.