

THE QUICK 'N' EASY GUIDE TO JAPANESE CAR IMPORTING TO IRELAND.

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Documents including a "**Bill of Lading**" (BOL) will be sent to you once your car is on the ship. The BOL has all the details of how and when your car will arrive in Ireland. You can track the ship in real-time on www.marinetraffic.com. You need to show the Bill of Lading to the company who take your car off the ship in Dublin Port.

Now is a good time to choose a **Customs Clearance Broker**. They'll organise physically getting your car off the ship.

Next, to get your car off the ship, you'll need to have these documents ready:

- 1- **Bill of Lading:** (mentioned earlier);
- 2- **Invoice:** This shows the cost of the car plus the shipping costs.
- 3- **Export Certificate (Japanese Language version):** (also known as a De-Registration Certificate). This is written in Japanese- but Customs officers need to see it to be sure the car left Japan legally.
- 4- **Certified Translation:** Because the Customs officers can't read Japanese, they'll need to see a certified translation of the Japanese language Export Certificate /De-Registration Certificate. All certified translations are available for a set fee of €45.00 from Japanology Kerry Consulting Ltd. www.JapanologyTranslation.co.uk
- 5- **Genzai Shomei Sho Replacement Certificate:** If you've lost your Export Certificate, you'll need this replacement certificate instead, accompanied by a certified translation.

Customs Duty: 1
10% of the total cost of the car;
+ 10% of the shipping cost;
= Total Customs Duty payment due.

Now that your car is off the ship, Revenue and Customs Officers will want to inspect it. After inspection, they'll give you 2 bills to pay.

Revenue VAT: 2
The VAT to be pay will depend on several factors and changes from time to time. Contact your local Revenue office with details of your specific car.

Registering your car and getting your reg. number:

Before you can register your car, you'll need to have an NCT done if it's more than 4 years old. It doesn't matter if your car has just passed the Japanese NCT (the *Shaken*), the car will have to pass the Irish test.

After you pass an NCT test, you can register your car. To do that, complete a **Declaration for Registration (Form VRT 4)** and pay the VRT tax, at the NCT centre. You then get a receipt which shows the VRT paid and the registration number assigned to your car. You'll also be given a **Form RF 100** which is needed when applying to pay motor tax. You must first insure the car, and then pay the motor tax on it.

You'll need to present these documents at the NCT centre:

- 1- Form "NCT Declaration Form for the Registration of a used Vehicle/ Motorcycle";
- 2- Form "VRTVPD2" for private vehicles;
- 3- Certified translation of Export Certificate / De-Registration Certificate;
- 4- Original Commercial/Purchase Invoice;
- 5- Original Certificate of Title and Registration;
- 6- Original vehicle document showing owner's name and car's engine & chassis numbers.
- 7- Proof of PPS number (Social Services card) & name and address (Passport, Utility Bill).