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REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM

(As from 01 January 2021)

On 1 January 2020 the United Kingdom withdrew from the European Union and became a third party. The Withdrawal Agreement provided for a transitional period ending on 31 December 2020, date from which the rules of the European Union in the area of customs and VAT, among others, no longer apply in the United Kingdom with the exception of Northern Ireland. On the territory of the latter the abovementioned EU legislation will continue to apply as a result of the Protocol on Northern Ireland included in the Withdrawal Agreement.

Documents to be required when registering vehicles from the United Kingdom, excluding Northern Ireland, in addition to the other documents detailed in annex III to the General Regulations on Vehicles:

- New vehicles (not registered) imported before 1 January 2021: the Single Administrative Document (DUA, in Spanish) is not required. The importer is not required to declare the import nor make customs clearance in an administrative proceeding on the vehicle's ITV card.
- New vehicles (not registered): imported after 1 January 2021: the Single Administrative Document (DUA, in Spanish) is required. The importer declares the import and makes customs clearance in an administrative proceeding on the vehicle's ITV card.
- Vehicles registered in the United Kingdom before 1 January 2021: in the case of vehicles whose value is less than € 15,000, if an **acquisition invoice** is presented in the customs territory of the European Union, including Northern Ireland, earlier than 1 January 2021 or a **shipping document** justifying the entry in the customs territory of the UE before 1 January 2021 the vehicle is considered to have European status and is not required to make a customs declaration. In this case, the holder of the vehicle must apply for a **certificate** to customs stating that the vehicle does not have European status and no other customs formalities are necessary. When applying for the vehicle registration, the person concerned shall present this certification.

If the European status cannot be proven in a vehicle with registration plates of the United Kingdom by any of the above means of evidence, it will be necessary to submit the Single Administrative Document.

That is, when applying for the vehicle registration, the customs certificate of the vehicle EU status or import declaration (Single Administrative Document) must be presented. This document is not necessary for the vehicles registered in Northern Ireland, which must be satisfactorily proved by submitting the vehicle registration certificate (V5C) which indicates the address.

- Vehicles registered in the United Kingdom after 1 January 2021: the Single Administrative Document or the customs certificate of the EU status is required. This document is not necessary for the vehicles registered in Northern Ireland, which must be satisfactorily proved by submitting the vehicle registration certificate (V5C) which indicates the address.