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VEHICLE REGISTRATION FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM

(as of January 1, 2021)

On February 1, 2020, the United Kingdom withdrew from the European Union and became a 'third country'. The Withdrawal Agreement provided for a transitional period that ended on December 31, 2020, date from which the European Union regulations in the field of customs and VAT, among others, ceased to apply in the United Kingdom with the exception of North Ireland. In the latter territory, the aforementioned EU regulations continue to apply as a result of the Protocol on Northern Ireland included in the Withdrawal Agreement.

Documents that must be required for the registration of vehicles from the United Kingdom, except Northern Ireland, in addition to the rest of the documentation detailed in Annex XIII of the General Vehicle Regulations:

- New vehicles (not registered) imported before January 1, 2021: the single administrative document (DUA) is not required. The importer must not declare the importation or record the customs clearance in an administrative procedure on the vehicle's ITV card.
- New vehicles (not registered): imported after January 1, 2021: DUA is required. The importer declares the import and records the customs clearance in an administrative procedure on the vehicle's ITV card.
- Vehicles registered in the United Kingdom before 1 January 2021: in the case of vehicles with a value of less than 15,000 euros, if you present a purchase **invoice** in the customs territory of the Union, including Northern Ireland, before 1 January 2021 or **transport document** that justifies entry into the customs territory of the Union prior to January 1, 2021, the vehicle is considered to have Union status and does not have to present any customs declaration. In this case, the owner of the vehicle must apply to customs for a **certification** that the vehicle has EU status and no other customs formalities are necessary. When applying for registration, the interested party must provide this certification.

In the event that the EU status of a vehicle with UK registration cannot be proven by any of the above means of proof, it will be necessary to present DUA.

That is, when applying for registration, customs certification of the EU status of the vehicle or import declaration (DUA) must be provided. This document will not be necessary for vehicles registered in Northern Ireland, which must prove it by presenting the vehicle registration certificate (V5C) where the address is stated.

- Vehicles registered in the UK after January 1, 2021: DUA or customs certification of EU status is required. This document will not be necessary for vehicles registered in Northern Ireland, which must prove it by presenting the vehicle registration certificate (V5C) where the address is stated.