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Things to Know For Customs Clearance for Ro/Ro Vehicles

If applicable, your Personally Owned Vehicle will be charged Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Duties/Fees, which is around 3% of the value of the vehicle. If the vehicle is deemed by CBP to be for the transport of goods the Customs Duties/Fees will be around 28% of the value of the vehicle.

The vehicle will be exempt from CBP Duties/Fees if the owner has documentation showing the vehicle was bought in the United States by them prior to export, if the vehicle is a product of the United States that was not modified while overseas, or if the owner is returning to the U.S. under Permanent Change of Station Orders.

The shipping line will charge a Terminal Handling/Wharfage fee that will be noted on the Notice of Arrival that will be sent by them prior to discharge in the U.S. This fee is due directly to the shipping line. Port storage will be free for a minimum of five business days before storage charges begin. The storage fee amount depends on the terminal of arrival.

An Importer Security Filing (ISF) and Customs Entry must be submitted to CBP for the vehicle import. On average, a vehicle will take 3-5 business days for release by CBP at the port and will be subject to a brief examination at the port for admissibility. If a vehicle is over 25 years of age, the hold time with CBP will generally be longer than average.

Once a vehicle has been cleared by CBP and the shipping line, and all fees are paid, the vehicle will then be made available for pick up. We will send to you an email releasing the vehicle to you. The address for the port will be given to you in the email and we will attach documentation that you will need to take with you to the terminal in order to pick up the car. We will send forms for the registration of your vehicle to CBP for stamping. Once the stamped documents are returned we will mail or email them to the mailing/emailing address that you give us.

Please let us know of any questions that you may have.