

## PUBLIC NOTICE: REGULALISATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITH FOREIGN NUMBER PLATES

The Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (ZIMRA) hereby notifies all motorists/tourists operating vehicles with foreign registration number plates in Zimbabwe that the motorist/tourist must comply with the provisions of Section 120 of the Customs and Excise Act (Chapter 23:02) as read with Section 104 of the Customs and Excise (General) Regulations as published in Statutory Instrument No. 154 of 2001.

A tourist is defined in these regulations as “any person who is not resident in Zimbabwe but travels to Zimbabwe for a period of time specified at the time of his arrival”. Any person who would have brought in a motor vehicle under the rebate of duty for tourist should ensure that they adhere to the conditions set in the regulations.

### 1. Key Compliance Requirements:

#### a. Temporary Import Permits (TIPs):

- Vehicles with foreign number plates must possess a valid TIP, clearly indicating the entry and exit dates.
- The tourist is not allowed to sell, offer, or display for sale, lease, hire, lend, pledge or dispose of the vehicle in any other manner to any resident in Zimbabwe without prior written authority of the Commissioner General and payment of full duty applicable at the time the vehicle was imported into Zimbabwe.

#### b. Renewal and Expiry of TIP:

- In the event of an extended stay, the tourist should approach the nearest ZIMRA office for extension of the TIP. The extension should be sought before the expiry of the TIP, and the tourist should ensure that the requested extension period is consistent with the period granted by the Department of Immigration.
- In the event of a breakdown or an accident, the tourist should report to the nearest ZIMRA office before departing from Zimbabwe.
- All foreign vehicles imported on TIP should be exported at the time of the tourist’s first departure from Zimbabwe after the grant of the rebate. *(if any challenges arise which may require the tourist to leave Zimbabwe without the vehicle, please visit your nearest ZIMRA office for assistance before your departure).*

#### c. Non-Transferability:

- Foreign-registered vehicles cannot be used for commercial purposes or transferred to a Zimbabwean resident without proper customs clearance.

### 2. Penalties for Non-Compliance:

- Seizure of vehicle
- Levying of penalties
- Forfeiture of the vehicle to the State
- Prosecution of the offender

### 3. Monitoring & Enforcement:

ZIMRA, will soon be conducting nationwide compliance checks to ensure adherence to these regulations.

### 4. Reporting non-compliance

ZIMRA is encouraging all the good corporate citizens to come forward and report any violations of the temporary importation privileges by sending through the reports to the following platforms;

- Online platform: <https://whistleblower.zimra.co.zw/>
- E-mail: [whistleblowing@zimra.co.zw](mailto:whistleblowing@zimra.co.zw)

All affected motorists/tourists are urged to comply with these regulations to avoid inconveniences.

For further information, visit your nearest ZIMRA Office or contact the ZIMRA Contact Centre on details provided below.

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