PUBLIC NOTICE

ENHANCED CONTROLS ON THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY IMPORT PERMITS (TIPs) FOR FOREIGN-REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES

The Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (ZIMRA) wishes to advise travellers, stakeholders, and members of the public that enhanced measures have been introduced in the administration of Temporary Import Permits (TIPs) for foreign-registered motor vehicles after noting abuse of this facility.

These measures are being implemented in accordance with the Customs and Excise Act [Chapter 23:02] and the Customs and Excise (General) Regulations, 2001. (Statutory Instrument 154 of 2001)

Who qualifies for a TIP?

A Temporary Import Permit may be issued to a bona fide visitor ordinarily resident outside Zimbabwe entering the country temporarily for tourism, business, study, employment, sporting activities or other lawful temporary purposes.

Documentary requirements:

i. Valid passport;
ii. Original vehicle registration book;
iii. Letter of authority or affidavit where the vehicle is not driven by the registered owner; and
iv. Work, employment, study or residence permit, if the driver is a Zimbabwean resident abroad.

Enhanced verification measures:

ZIMRA may subject certain applications to additional verification, especially non-owner driven vehicles.

Validity of Temporary Import Permits:

TIPs shall ordinarily be issued for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days. Requests for longer stays will be considered on a case-by-case basis but cannot exceed a total period of three months.

Extension of TIPs:
Requests for extension must be submitted before expiry, and supported by valid reasons and relevant documentation.

Conditions applicable to TIP holders:
Vehicles must remain under the control of the permit holder, may not be disposed of in Zimbabwe without ZIMRA approval, and must be re-exported before permit expiry unless an extension has been granted. The permit holder should not exit the country without the vehicle unless prior arrangements are made with the nearest ZIMRA Office.

Fees payable
Carbon tax (US$10) and third-party insurance (US$30). If, however, Beitbridge Border Post is used, additional charges of US$9 being bridge toll fee, and US$28 Zimborders fee, are payable.

Further information:
Kindly contact the nearest ZIMRA office or inquire through any of the following email addresses:

- BeitbridgePrivateImports@zimra.co.zw
- PlumtreePrivateImports@zimra.co.zw
- HararePortMotorTraffic@zimra.co.zw

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