

This bulletin is a guideline only. At all times the appropriate legislation currently in force takes precedence.

## Introduction;

Approval must be obtained from the Federal Government for a vehicle intended for road use to be imported into Australia. **For information and an application form for importing a vehicle visit the following web site;**

[http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/roads/vehicle\\_regulation/bulletin/importing\\_vehicles/index.aspx](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/roads/vehicle_regulation/bulletin/importing_vehicles/index.aspx)

**Registration Procedure ONLY** after import approval has been granted.

To have an imported vehicle registered in Tasmania the following process applies;

- 1 Take the vehicle to an Approved Inspection Station (AIS) along with all import documents and papers to prove that you are the owner.

The vehicle will be examined for roadworthiness and an inspection report completed. It is most unlikely that the vehicle will be fitted with an Australian Compliance plate, and if this is the case it will fail inspection, and require to be presented to Transport Inspectors.

Phone the Telephone Enquiry Service (free call 1300 851 225) to make a booking to arrange an identity check, and present the vehicle and all documentation to Transport Inspectors at the appointed time.

- 2 When this check has been completed (depending on import category) Transport Inspectors will complete an authorization for approval for an import plate to be issued. The owner should send the approval (with payment for the engraving) to the address shown on the form.

When the plate is received back from the engraver the owner should attach it to the vehicle and re-present the vehicle to the AIS for inspection.

(Vehicles manufactured prior to 1 January 1989 do not require an import approval plate to be issued. However the identity check will still need to be completed by the Transport Inspectors).

- 3 If the vehicle is roadworthy and is fitted with an approved import plate or Registered Automotive Workshop plate the vehicle can be passed by the AIS. .
- 4 Take the inspection form and all paperwork to a Service Tasmania outlet for the vehicle to be registered.

**Note;** Vehicles that have been modified from manufacture's specifications require a modification plate to be fitted prior to being registered. Approval to modify the vehicle should be obtained from the Vehicle Operations Branch before any modifications are undertaken. An application form may be downloaded at <http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/standards>