



# Shipping a Car to New Zealand

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## What makes us unique

At Taurus Logistics we're really proud of the fact we're not another vanilla flavoured, soul-less, corporate freight forwarder. We have a real passion for what we do and a drive to solve any problem you might have, we go the distance to get the job done.

### 1. Response within 24 hours

We understand time's important to you so we guarantee to personally respond to all enquiries within 24hours, Monday to Friday New Zealand time. In some cases we may not be able to respond with a full quote, but we'll always acknowledge your request.

If you are unsure of exactly what you need or you've never shipped before then we're happy to answer all questions about any aspect you may be uncertain about.

### 2. No hidden costs

There's nothing worse than getting a price and doing your budget only to find out what you were quoted didn't include a raft of other fees and charges. Not only does it bring our industry into disrepute, it has almost become standard practise for many freight forwarders, making it extremely difficult to compare quotes between companies.

When you ask Taurus Logistics for a quote including all charges that's exactly what you get, we'll include all charges to get the job done for you including quarantine, customs clearance, port charges, inland transportation, whatever is needed.

When something is excluded like government taxes or duties we clearly state this on our cover page, no smoke and mirrors or small print.

### 3. We take care of everything

Once you're booked with Taurus Logistics we'll take care of all the details for you, if a problem crops up(for example you purchase a dump truck at auction and because of a bad oil leak it can't be shipped) then we'll solve the problem (getting the truck fixed).

We don't shy away from problems or push responsibility back, if we can take care of the problem then we'll offer a solution.

### 4. Experienced Professionals

Because of a tight market with the slimmest of margins, many freight forwarders only employ juniors. At Taurus Logistics we don't believe in that, our team is made up of professionals with years of experience in the shipping industry with many shipments under their belt.

Being privately owned means the agents we work with throughout the world are just like us, we chose each other because we share the same skills and ethos and we actually like them! They're our close friends and colleagues, only a phone call away.

Give us a call and let us help your business succeed!

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# Car Pre-Shipment Check List - Shipping to New Zealand

## CHECK LIST

Before committing to purchasing or shipping your car, please ensure you have taken into account all of the below points. If you can't provide one of these documents then please contact us to discuss before committing to purchase your car. As some of these are pre-requests to importing, and without them you can't import your car.

### 1. Import Compliance

First check the vehicle you wish to import was manufactured to meet approved safety and emissions standards. This depends on the class of vehicle, date of manufacture and the country from which the vehicle is being imported. To find out more information please visit the [New Zealand Transport Agency](#).

### 2. Bill of Sale

If purchasing the car we will need a copy of the Bill of Sale from the seller. If you already own the car, then we need a copy of the original purchase Bill of Sale.

If this has been misplaced then you will need to obtain a "sight unseen" valuation from a car dealer.

### 3. Registration / Ownership papers

We will need a copy(via email or fax) of the registration papers showing ownership.

Depending on the country of purchase, and in some cases the state, the **original** ownership papers are needed to export the origin country.

**DO NOT** have these sent to you, or altered, until our agent instructs the seller.

### 4. Photo ID

A high quality colour scan copy of the photo page from your passport.

### 5. Remove ALL personal items from your car

Make sure all personal items are removed from inside your car and also the boot. Only items that should be left are standard car accessories such as the spare wheel etc.

### 6. Wash your car

Its very important that the car is spotless both inside and underneath. All dirt etc under the car needs to be steam cleaned, including the engine bay. The inside should be vacuumed including the boot.

### 7. Have you taken out Marine Insurance?

Not compulsory, but worth asking us for a quote. Your road insurance will not cover any damage that may occur while in transit.

### 8. Have you taken into account GST?

It depends on your criteria: is this a new purchase or something you class as a personal effect?

**New purchase:** GST of 15% is payable on the landed value, which is the value of the vehicle plus freight and insurance, otherwise known as the **CIF** (Cost + Insurance + Freight) price.

**Personal Effect:** In some cases you may be exempt from paying GST, you will need to meet the following conditions:

- Be a first time immigrant or a returning New Zealand citizen
- If you're a returning citizen you must have been out of New Zealand for over 21 months
- You must be prepared to sign a deed where you agree not to sell the vehicle for at least 2 years
- The vehicle must have been owned and used for the last 12 months.

**NOTE :** *You must be in New Zealand at the time of importation to be eligible for GST exemption*

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## 9. De-registration

On export from some countries the car needs to be de-registered.

### Summary

If you have ticked off all of the above, then your car is ready to ship to New Zealand. Welcome home!

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## Shipping a car to New Zealand

Let Taurus Logistics take care of your car shipping, providing you stress-free auto importing to New Zealand.

We send vehicles to all major New Zealand Ports from anywhere in the world, if you want it shipped to a different port then we can also arrange that.

### Is it worth shipping my car to New Zealand?

From our experience if you have sentimental attachment or your vehicle is worth over \$5000 NZD, it's worth looking into.

It pays to ensure your vehicle meets the NZ compliance standards; if not, then it's not worth importing your vehicle to New Zealand.

### Information on sending your car to New Zealand

Check that your vehicle meets frontal impact and safety compliance standards for New Zealand, although most modern vehicles and motorhomes will comply with the New Zealand standards many cars from the 1980-1990's may not comply. You can view a list of approved vehicles at the [New Zealand Transport Agency](#), older 'classic cars' are exempt.

For entry the chassis will either require an approval chassis/vin plate or you'll require a manufacturers letter.

### Paying GST on Imported Vehicles

GST is payable at 15% on the landed value which is the cost of the vehicle plus Insurance & Freight, otherwise known as the CIF price. You are exempt from paying GST if you meet the following conditions:

- Be a first time immigrant or returning New Zealand citizen that has been out of the country for over 21 months.
- Be prepared to sign a deed where you agree not to sell the vehicle for 2 years.
- The vehicle must have been used and owned for 12 months.

There are no restrictions on NZ vehicle importing, anyone can import a vehicle for off-road use or in a car collection. If you want to use your vehicle on-road it is your responsibility to ensure you meet all requirements.

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## Comparing international shipping quotes

Comparing quotes for shipping is a bit like trying to compare quotes to build a house, is one house brick and the other straw, are you comparing apples to apples, does each quote contain all the services you require?

The shipping and freight forwarding industry don't make it easy for newcomers, many people fall into the trap of accepting the lower price only to find it was half a quote, so when their goods arrive they're hit with a massive invoice for all sorts of charges no-one told them about.

Some quotes will be port to port, some will be door to port, others will try to confuse you with terms like FOB,C&F, CIF or FAS, which is normally a smoke screen to confuse non-industry people and avoid liability foray additional charges.

We find the practice outrageous and underhand, which is why at Taurus Logistics we clearly state what's included with no hidden costs or surprises, just clear concise no-nonsense quotations.

### International shipping quotes should have three parts

#### Origin charges (charges in the country it's currently located in):

- Export documentation
- Inland transport
- Pack charges
- Port charges
- Ocean Freight Charges

#### Actual ocean freight

- BAF
- CAF

#### Destination Charges:

- Port charges
- Customs clearances
- Quarantine fees
- Unloading/unpacking

If you have all three then you have a comprehensive quote, if you're unsure then feel free to call us, we won't be offended if you want to talk about a competitor's quote to make sure it's the real deal.

We're happy to explain the quote in plain English letting you know what the terms mean and whether you're getting a good deal on total cost.

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## Frequently-asked questions: shipping a car

We just love shipping cars. Whether you've found your dream car and need to ship her home, or you're relocating the family station wagon across the ditch, we would love to help. These are some of our most popular questions which we hope you find helpful.

### Do you have a vehicle pick-up service?

Yes, we are able to provide a cost to pick up vehicles from almost anywhere, just supply an address with zip/post code.

### How much would it cost to insure my vehicle?

The insurance is calculated on the value of the vehicle and the method used to ship. i.e. RORO or in a container. Please request a quotation.

### Is RORO the cheapest, or is there another transportation method? What if I have more than one car?

RORO is usually the cheapest method for a single car, but if you are considering multiple cars we can load and lash in a container.

### How far in advance would you recommend I make the booking?

Anything more than a week before you want it to sail to guarantee that all the paperwork for export can be completed and that you are able to deliver the vehicle before the cut-off date.

### Can a car that still has a loan on it be shipped?

That would be a question to ask your loan company.

### Does it matter if my car is dirty?

Your vehicle must be thoroughly steam cleaned and vacuumed prior to shipment.

### Can I leave personal effects in the car?

When shipping on a RORO vessel, personal items must not be left in the vehicle as the vehicle will not be accepted on board the vessel.

### How can I find out info on what the Duty/GST costs will be for importing into New Zealand?

GST is payable at 15% on the landed value, which is the value of the vehicle, plus freight, plus insurance. Otherwise known as the CIF (Cost + Insurance + Freight) price.

If you are to be exempt from paying GST you need to meet the following conditions:

- Be a first time immigrant or a returning New Zealand citizen.
- If a returning citizen, you must have been out of New Zealand for over 21 months.
- Be prepared to sign a deed where you agree not to sell the vehicle for at least 2 years.
- The vehicle must have been owned and used for the last 12 months.

### Where can I find out information on New Zealand road compliance?

Visit the [New Zealand Transport Agency](#).

### Are there any restrictions on the import of this particular vehicle?

Check to see if your vehicle meets [New Zealand's emissions requirements](#).

### Does my car have to be warranted even though it is an export out of New Zealand?

Vehicles must have a current Warrant of Fitness (WOF) to leave New Zealand on a RORO (car carrier) vessel.

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