

# Importing after purchase

At this point, you should have purchased your car

## Overview

For a quick overview of the entire import process, see the list below:

1. Purchase car
2. Wait for the Bill of Lading
3. Once the Bill of Lading draft is received, send the information to an ISF filer as soon as possible
4. Wait for the shipment notification
5. Once the vehicle is shipped, file a customs clearance
6. Pay the port fee
7. Wait for the landing date
8. After the landing date, confirm the vehicle is ready for pickup by calling the port
9. Pick up the vehicle

For more details on each step, see the sections below:

## Forms after purchase

Once your vehicle is loaded onto a vessel, the shipping company will mail you the:

1. Export certificate (Japanese)
2. Export certificate (English)
3. Purchase invoice
4. Bill of Lading (unless it was surrendered)

## Export certificate

The export certificate is, in a way, the Japanese title to your vehicle. You will need this to register your vehicle for a title in your state.

輸出予定届出証明書

番号  
整理番号

令和 7  
2025年 4月 4日

軽自動車検査協会

Export Certificate

Light Motor Vehicle Inspection Organization

車 両 番 号 / Motor vehicle number	交付年月日 / Grant Date	初年度取得年月日 / First Grant Date	自動車の種類 / Classification of Vehicle	用途 / Use	自家用・事業用の別 / Purpose	車体の形状 / Type of Body		
	令和 7 2025年 4月 4日	平成 7 1995年 一月	軽自動車	貨物	自家用	バン [021]		
車 台 番 号 / Maker's serial number	固定装置 / Fixed Number	最大積載量 / Max. Carry	車両重量 / Weight	車両総重量 / G.Weight	長さ / Length	幅 / Width	高さ / Height	
DF51V	(4) 2人	(250) 350 kg	830 kg	(1300) 1290 kg	329 cm	139 cm	186 cm	
車 名 / Trademark of the maker of the vehicle	型 式 / Model	原動機の種類 / Classification of Fuel	燃料の容量 / Capacity of Fuel	排 気 量 / Engine Capacity	前 軸 重 / F Weight	後 軸 重 / R Weight	車台記号 / Specification No.	型式分類 / Classification No.
スズキ [131]	V-DF51V	F6A	ガソリン	0.65 L	430 kg	400 kg	06930	0413
使用者の氏名又は名称 Name of User								
使用 者 の 住 所 Address of User								
所有者の氏名又は名称 Name of Owner								
所 有 者 の 住 所 Address of Owner								
使用の本拠の位置 Locality of principal abode of use								
輸出予定日 (証明書有効期間満了日) Export scheduled day								
令和 7(2025)年 9月 25日								
備 考 【東京】 返納 ** 令和4年度エネルギー消費効率算定済 * 輸出に係る届出をした所有者は、輸出予定届出証明書に係る自動車輸出されることなく、該当輸出届出証明書の有効期間が満了したときは、該当有効期間が満了した日から15日以内に、最寄の事務所等に該当輸出予定届出証明書を返納しなければならない。 * 【一時使用中止中所有者】 【所有者氏名】 株式会社 Car From Japan 【所有者住所】 東京都千代田区岩本町3-10-7 F 【申請日】 令和7(2025)年4月4日 * 【走行距離計表示値】 86,300 km (平成29(2017)年11月1日) * 【旧走行距離計表示値】 72,500 km (平成27(2015)年11月2日) **								

OCR01-3339

軽自動車検査協会

No.

Reference Number

Export Certificate

Registration No.	Last Registration Date	First Registration Date	Manufacturer's serial number	
<div></div>	2025 / 4 / 4 year month day	1995 / - year month	DF51V <div></div>	
Name of Manufacturer		Model No. Spoiled by Manufacturer		Engine Model
SUZUKI		V-DF51V		F6A
Name of Owner	SAME AS USER			
Address of Owner	SAME AS USER			
Name of User	<div></div>			
Address of User	<div></div>			
Principal/Main Location of Use	SAME AS USER			
Classification of Size	Use of vehicle	Purpose of use	Shape of Vehicle	Capacity
KEI-CAR	CARGO	PRIVATE	VAN	2(4)
Total Emission	Classification of Fuel	Specification No.	Classification No.	Length
0.65 L	GASOLINE	06930	0413	329 cm
Export Before	2025 / 9 / 25 year month day			
Remarks				
EXPERT CERTIFICATE When the automobile is not exported according to the export certificate and the export certificate has expired, within 15 days from the date of the validity, the owner who made export certificate must return the export certificate to the nearest Transportation Bureau.				
LATEST OWNER: CAR FROM JAPAN CO., LTD. Iwamotocho 3-10-7-F, Chiyoda, Tokyo				
We hereby certify that this Export Certificate is a complete and accurate translation of the original document from Japanese to English				

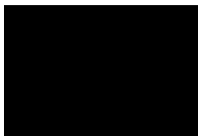
# Bill of Lading

A bill of lading is a legal document issued by a carrier to the shipper that serves as a receipt for the goods shipped, a contract outlining the terms of transportation, and a document of title evidencing ownership. It details the type, quantity, and destination of the cargo and must accompany the goods during transit to ensure proper delivery and transfer of ownership.

CAR FROM JAPAN CO., LTD.  
IWAHOTOCHO 3-10-7-7F,  
CHIYODA, TOKYO,  
JAPAN, 101-0032  
+81 50 3171 3983  
EXPORT@CARFROMJAPAN.COM

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HOEGH ST. PETERSBURG V/92 Kawasaki

Freeport, Tx

OSAKA, JAPAN

CAR FROM JAPAN  
FREEPORT, U.S.A.

1 USED VEHICLE(S) 1995 SUZUKI EVERY

830 KGS

8.506 CBM

DF51V-  
HSCODE: 870431

=== FREIGHT AS ARRANGED ===

The carrier is not responsible or in any way liable for damage(s) resulting from mechanical/electrical failure(s), and also declines responsibility for any damages, including costs, which may occur during loading/discharging operations due to malfunctions. The carrier is not responsible for any non-original equipment fitted to the vehicle(s) after manufacture unless these have been installed as replacement items. The carrier will not be responsible for any personal effects left in the vehicles. It is shipper's obligation to prove originally installed equipment/accessories prior to carrier taking care and custody of the vehicle(s).  
TOTAL: 830 KGS / 8.506 CBM  
1 UNIT(S)

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On Board Date: 25.04.2025

PREPAID

TOKYO, JAPAN

If you received the original bill of lading, you **must sign it** and **send** it to the shipping company.

## Surrendered Bill of Lading

If your shipping company surrendered your bill of lading, then you **do not** need to send it to the shipping company. Take a copy of the surrendered bill of lading to the port when picking up your vehicle.

## ISF form

The Importer Security Filing (ISF) provides U.S. Customs with advance shipment data to pre-screen cargo for security risks, ensure compliance, and facilitate faster release.

The ISF is supposed to be submitted at least 24 hours before the vessel's loading. However, you can complete it as soon as your seller provides the necessary shipping details, and it's best to file as early as possible. Since you usually don't receive the Bill of Lading until after your vehicle is en route, focus on submitting the ISF as soon as that document arrives rather than worrying about the

24-hour rule. If you miss the deadline, you should still submit the filing promptly to minimize the risk of fines and penalties. As long as you file the ISF as soon as you get the required information, you shouldn't receive any penalties.

You’ll need the seller’s invoice and the Bill of Lading to complete your ISF.

Many online companies will file an ISF for you:

- [Easy ISF](#)
- [Eezy Import](#)
- [Turbo ISF](#)

Sample ISF form

ISF NUMBER		BROKER REFERENCE		ENTRY NUMBER		Importer Security Filing (ISF) 10 + 2					
MANUFACTURER/SUPPLIER Suzuki World Office 300 Takatsukacho, Minami-Ku Hamamatsu-Shi Shizuoka JP						LOADING DATE 04/25/2025		EST. ARRIVAL DATE 05/19/2025			
CONTAINER STUFFING LOCATION Car From Japan Co. Ltd Iwamotocho 3-10-7-7F Tojiki Building, Chiyoda Tokyo JP						1ST STATUS & DATE CBPUPDATE 4/23/2025 9:54		LAST STATUS & DATE UPDATE 4/23/2025 9:54:15			
CONSIGNEE Car From Japan Co. Ltd Iwamotocho 3-10-7-7F Tojiki Building, Chiyoda Tokyo JP						IMPORTER OF RECORDS ID		CONSIGNEE ID ACTION			
SELLER Car From Japan Co. Ltd Iwamotocho 3-10-7-7F Tojiki Building, Chiyoda Tokyo JP						TYPE		REFERENCE NUMBER(S)			
BUYER						SHIPMENT TYPE Standard or regular filings					
SHIP TO						SCAC					
NOTES						BL TYPE Ocean Bill		BILL OF LADING NO		AMSMATCH NO	
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN		HTS		DESCRIPTION OF MERCHANDISE		MANUFACTURER NAME					
JP		8704.31.0040		1995 Suzuki Every		Suzuki World Office					

After your ISF has been filed, ensure that it is confirmed.

# Tracking shipment

The proximity of the destination port to Japan will affect the time it takes to receive the vehicle.

You can track your vessel at [Marine Traffic](#)

# Customs clearance

## Customs broker

Once your vessel is en route, you should determine if you would like to hire a customs broker or handle customs yourself. Eezyimport lets you clear customs yourself, potentially saving some money, but you will have to handle all the forms promptly. You can also hire a customs broker, which can cost from \$300-\$600.

## Customs codes

It's very important to double-check the codes used by the international freight forwarder and/or customs broker. Ensuring the right codes are crucial for paying the right duty fees.

All Kei vehicles are classified as a passenger vehicle or light truck, which use the following HTS code: [9903.94.04](#)

All Kei vehicles are also exempt from any extra duties (even reciprocal tariffs) with the following HTS code: [9903.01.33](#)

Ensure that the **U.S. Customs and Border Protection entry summary** has the **two above codes** as well as the **appropriate code below**:

## Kei trucks

### Kei trucks

Kei trucks and cargo vans will have the following HTS code: [8704.31.0120](#)

Kei truck duty: **25%**

This ruling can be used as evidence for the code associated with the Kei truck you're importing:

[Tariff classification of Daihatsu Mini Trucks from Japan](#)

This code covers all Kei trucks, as well as anything resembling a truck, like a Daihatsu deck van or Daihatsu midget 2.

## Fire trucks

Fire trucks are classified under the HTS code: 8705.30.0000

Fire truck duty: **0%**

Fire trucks can be imported **duty-free**. However, most firetrucks have no AC and can be more expensive since Kei firetrucks are lower in mileage and well-maintained.

## Kei vans

### Kei passenger vans and cars

Kei vans and other passenger cars are classified under the HTS code: 8703.21.0150

Passenger van duty: **2.5%**

Passenger vans include vans with rear passenger seats. It's not required to have seatbelts when importing the van but most states require that back passengers have seatbelts. You can install seatbelts after importing the vehicle.

To ensure that your van does not get labeled as a cargo van, use the ruling below as evidence for using the lower duty code:

The tariff classification of a Subaru Sambar Dias passenger van from Japan

### Cargo vans

Cargo vans are also classified under the HTS code: 8704.31.0120


Cargo van duty: **25%**

Cargo vans would include vans with no rear passenger seats. To ensure that your imported van isn't classified as a cargo van, it will need passenger seats in the back. It's not required to have seatbelts at import. See the Kei vans category below for more details.

# Picking up the Kei car from the port

Once the vessel has arrived at the port, it can take 2 business days for the port to inspect and clear the vehicle. Call the port to confirm that the car is ready for pickup.

## Delivery order

 <b>World Class Shipping</b>		<h1 style="margin: 0;">Delivery Order</h1>		PAGE 1
IMPORTER: <b>QUINTANA, BRITTANY</b> <b>14801 LARKFIELD DR</b> <b>BROOKPARK, OH 44142</b>		<div style="background-color: black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>		
<b>WCS INTERNATIONAL INC</b> <b>371 MERRICK ROAD SUITE 305</b> <b>ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11570 USA TX</b> <b>ID 11-2889</b> <b>Phone# 516-565-8861</b> <b>Fax# 516-872-5017</b>				
BILL OF LADING NO. <div style="background-color: black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	VESSEL NAME <b>PALMELA</b>	FLIGHT/VOYAGE # <b>206A</b>	PORT OF UNLOADING <b>BALTIMORE, MD</b>	
ETA <div style="background-color: black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>		LAST FREE DAY <div style="background-color: black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>		
<b>IMPORTER/ SELF PICK UP</b>				
IT # <div style="background-color: black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	INVOICE NO. <div style="background-color: black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	SUB HOUSE BILL <div style="background-color: black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	ENTRY NO. <div style="background-color: black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	CUST. REF. NO. <div style="background-color: black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
PICKUP FROM <b>SHED 12 DUNDALK MARINE TERMINAL</b> <b>2700 BRIGHTENING HIGHWAY</b> <b>BALTIMORE, MD. 21222, US</b>		DELIVER TO <div style="background-color: black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>		
<b>Special Instructions:</b>		<b>Remarks:</b>		
NA SL# <div style="background-color: black; height: 20px; width: 100px;"></div>	1	total VEHICLE: <b>1996 HONDA ACTY</b> VIN: <div style="background-color: black; height: 20px; width: 100px;"></div> Title Number: <div style="background-color: black; height: 20px; width: 100px;"></div> Title State: <b>Text</b>	1,587.31 LB 720.00 KG	HAZARDOUS YES/NO No
<p>It is required that each truck be equipped with DOT Emergency Response Guidebook, and the driver has been instructed in its use. This is to certify that the above named materials are properly classified, packaged, marked and labeled and are in proper condition for transportation according to the applicable regulations of the Department of Transportation.</p>				
By <div style="background-color: black; height: 80px; width: 200px;"></div>		CARRIER: D.O. Received Signature _____ Date _____ CONSIGNEE: Freight Received Signature _____ Date _____ Last Free Day:      Pick up number:		
RETURN EMPTY CONTAINER TO:		BILL TO PARTY <div style="background-color: black; height: 80px; width: 200px;"></div>		
DRIVER NAME		NAME OR DELIVERING TRUCKER <b>IMPORTER/ SELF PICK UP</b> , US Contact: <b>IMPORTER / SELF PICK-UP</b>		
DRIVER PHONE NUMBER				
DELIVERY DATE/TIME				
PICK-UP DATE/TIME				

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