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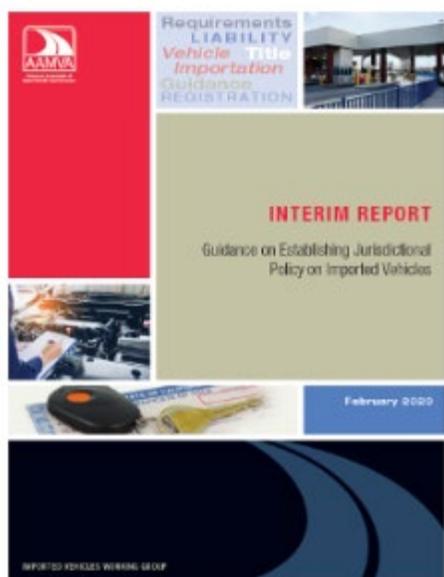


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## Now Available: Interim Report for Guidance on Establishing Jurisdictional Policy on Imported Vehicles



United States (U.S.) jurisdictions are responsible for issuing title and registration for vehicles, enabling them to be legally operated on U.S. roadways. There are additional federal requirements that must be met when the vehicle has been imported into the U.S. and is being titled or registered for the first time. As the number of imported vehicles has increased so have the challenges jurisdictions face. There are many issues to consider related to vehicle safety, improving consumer protection, and reducing opportunities for fraud.

In response to the challenges faced by jurisdictions, AAMVA created the Imported Vehicle Working Group (IVWG) in January 2019 to review related federal laws and processes for importing vehicles, identify the state roles and responsibilities when titling and registering imported vehicles, and to provide guidance to aid in establishing policies and procedures to require and validate the appropriate documentation for imported vehicles.

In recent years there have been approximately 300,000 vehicles entering the U.S. annually that do not meet U.S. federal safety standards and the majority are from Canada. As such, the IVWG plans to further engage Canadian jurisdictions to gain additional insight and knowledge. The IVWG is also working directly with the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA) to understand the history of a vehicle that is manufactured in or imported to Canada before entering the United States.

This Interim Report provides a look at the topics the group is working through and some early recommendations. It should be noted that the recommendations will be refined and further developed in the final guidance.

### Anticipated Recommendations for Jurisdictions

- Entry Documents
- Ownership Document Considerations
- Vehicles from Title-Issuing Countries
- Vehicles from Non-Title Issuing Countries
- Physical Inspection Considerations
- Jurisdiction-Specific Requirements
- Other Documents Dependent on the Category of Importation
- Considerations for Implementation of the Guidance
- Stakeholder Considerations

### Resources

- Importing Vehicles into the US, AAMVA
- Importing a Motor Vehicle, CBP
- Importing Vehicles in to the US, EPA
- Importing Canadian Vehicles, EPA
- Importing Vehicles and Engines, EPA
- Procedures for Importing Vehicles and Engines into the United States, EPA
- Emission Standards Reference Guide for On-road and Nonroad Vehicles and Engines, EPA
- List of Independent Commercial Importers, EPA
- Vehicle Importation and Certification Requirements,

Internal Considerations

NHTSA

- Importing a Vehicle, NHTSA
- NHTSA Bond
- NHTSA FAQs

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