



AMERICAN SAMOA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Motor Vehicle and Equipment Importation Form (MVEI)

This form must be submitted to the American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) for each motor vehicle, off-road vehicle, and equipment proposed to be imported into the Territory. Please submit this application with the following documents to AS-EPA:

- A request letter specifying the intended use of the equipment in the Territory
- Photographs of the proposed vehicle/equipment, the catalytic converter and the U.S. EPA emission control information (ECI) label
- If the vehicle does not have a U.S. EPA ECI label, you must provide the equipment's specifications from the original equipment manufacturer (OEM)
- A certified auto mechanic must verify in writing that the catalytic converter of the proposed vehicle has not been removed, altered, or damaged. The name of the mechanic, auto shop, and contact number must be included.

Failure to provide required information will deny entry of the proposed vehicle and/or equipment into the Territory. Vehicles imported into the Territory without pre-approval and required paperwork will be detained until such endorsements are met. Importer will be subject to all fines and fees associated with the detaining and exportation of the vehicle(s). The importer is also responsible for contacting the American Samoa Customs and Excise Tax Office for duty and tax fees for each vehicle and/or equipment. This form is NOT required for local car dealerships importing new U.S. certified motor vehicles or equipment from their original manufacturer. Check the box below to indicate the provisions under which you are importing the vehicle or equipment.

NOTICE: Pursuant to Executive Order NO. 003-2013, effective February 6, 2013, ASG will prohibit the importation of any vehicle to American Samoa that is more than fifteen (15) years old. The age of the vehicle shall be determined based on the vehicle model year and the calendar year.

U.S. CONFORMING AND "IDENTICAL" VEHICLES

- () **Code AA- U.S. certified:** unmodified vehicle bearing a U.S. EPA emission control label in engine compartment (or on motorcycle frame) in English.
- () **Code BB- U.S. certified, catalyst restoration:** U.S. certified vehicle as described above, except that the catalyst, oxygen sensors or fuel filler neck restrictor were removed or damaged. The importer attests that the catalyst and oxygen sensors and fuel filler neck restrictor, as applicable, will be reinstalled or replaced after importation. If leaded gasoline was used, the importer attests that after importation (1) the fuel tank will be drained and refilled with unleaded gasoline, (2) the catalyst and oxygen sensors if they were left on the vehicle during use of the leaded gasoline will be replaced, and (3) the fuel filler neck restrictor will be checked and replaced as necessary. No bond or AS-EPA approval required.
- () **Code CC- Identical in all material respects to a U.S. certified version-** either 1) Canadian vehicle (proof require e.g. Canadian emission control label, registration or title, or letter from the U.S. or Canadian manufacturer representative 0 letterhead verifying manufacture for sale in Canada) on EPA list of Canadian "identical" models, or 2) vehicle from any country with letter attached to this form from the manufacturers U.S. representative on letterhead (not a dealer or mechanic) stating that the vehicle is identical to a U.S. EPA certified version with respect to emissions. Specify if vehicle is imported for resale or lease.

EPA EXEMPTED VEHICLES

- () **Code A-** miscellaneous exemption, either 1) Canadian vehicle as described above (proof required) and the importer is either permanently emigrating to the U.S. or will reside in the U.S. or its Territories for greater than one year under a worker or student visa, or 2) Canadian vehicle received by local resident through inheritance, or 3) ASEPA hardship letter based on unforeseen and extraordinary circumstances is attached to this form.
- () **Code B-** U.S. military vehicles and equipment imported for military use within the territory of American Samoa.

TEMPORARY IMPORTS FOR NONCONFORMING VEHICLES

- () **Code C-** imported for repair or alteration in accordance with 40 CFR 85.15(b) (1). May not be registered or licensed for use on, or operated on public roads, or sold or leased in the U.S. and its Territories. Vehicle bonds required for each vehicle. ASEPA letter of approval will be attached to this form prior to the release of vehicle or equipment by the American Samoa Customs.
- () **Code D-** imported for testing purposes in accordance with 40 CFR 85.1511 (b) (2). May not be registered or license for use on or operated on public roads (except operation that is integral to the purpose of the testing program) or sold or leased in the Territory. Vehicle bonds required for each vehicle. AS-EPA letter of approval must be attached to this form prior to the release of vehicle or equipment by the American Samoa Customs.

() **Code E-** imported for display (solely for public or business purposes, and not for private purposes or Territory market sales promotions) in accordance with 40 CFR 85 _ 1(b) (4). May not be registered or licensed for use on or operated on public roads (except operation that is integral to the purpose of the display) or sold or leased in the Territory. Vehicle bonds required for each vehicle. AS-EPA letter of approval must be attached to this form prior to the release of vehicle or equipment by the American Samoa Customs Inspectors.

() **Code F-** imported for up to one year by member of the armed forces or personnel of a foreign government o assignment to the Territory, for whom free entry has been authorized in writing by the Secretary of State or AS-EPA, or member of the armed forces of a foreign country with official orders for duty in the U.S. or its Territories.

() **Code G-** Specialized vehicles and equipment for emergency services, pre-approved constructions, or other specialize applications. AS-EPA only will determine the necessity and eligibility of such vehicle or equipment under this code. Vehicle bonds required for each vehicle. Letter of approval must be attached to this form prior to the release of vehicle or equipment by the American Samoa Customs Inspectors.

Importer's Responsibilities: Vehicles imported into the Territory without AS-EPA`s pre-approval and required paperwork will be detained until such endorsements are met. Importer will be subject to all fines and dues associated with the detaining and exportation of the vehicle(s).

Penalties: Any person who knowingly makes any false or fraudulent statement, or omits a material fact is subject to fines and/or imprisonment. Any person who improperly imports a motor vehicle, off-road vehicle or equipment (including motorcycle) are also subject to fines and/or imprisonment and may be subject to forfeiture of the entire importation bond, if applicable in accordance with 40 CFR 85.1513, 18 USC 1001 and 42 USC 7524. **Any vehicle found not to be in conformance with the information provided on this form is subject to removal from American Samoa at the owners/importers expense.**

PART I Description and Declaration of Motor Vehicles, Off-road Vehicles and Equipment

1. Vehicle Make:	2. Vehicle Model:	3. Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)/Serial Number:
4. Manufacture Date (Mo/Yr.):	5. Country of Origin:	
6. Is the Catalytic Converter Operational?	7. Has the Emission Control System been modified?	

REMARKS:

I do swear and affirm under the penalty of perjury that all the information provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have read and understand the purpose of this form. I understand the penalties for falsely declaring information, for providing misleading information, or for concealing any material fact. I have provided all required information and documentation. I authorize AS-EPA Enforcement Officers to conduct any inspections, inquiries, or testing necessary to determine compliance and/or the truth of the information contained herein. I certify that I am the owner, the importer, or agent for the owner or importer and that am authorized to make these declarations.

Printed Name of Owner/Agent:	Address:	Telephone:
Signature of Owner/Agent:	Date:	

PART II To be completed by AS-EPA per Recommendation on the Arrival of Shipment

This form must be accompanied with the AS-EPA Letter of Approval before release of vehicle or equipment.

Action to be taken on Vehicle or Equipment

<input type="checkbox"/> Release Vehicle/Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Deny Vehicle/Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)
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REMARKS

Signature and Title of AS-EPA Representative	Date:
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PART III. TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AMERICAN SAMOA CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TAX OFFICE

The information shown in Part I was compared the papers for this Vehicle or Equipment and nu discrepancies were noted The Vehicle or Equipment was handed as instructed by AS-EPA in Part II, Any deviations should be brought to the attention of before releasing shipment and should also be noted in remarks.

REMARKS :

Signature of Customs	Date:
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NOTE: This application is valid for sixty (60) calendar days from the approval date. Should you fail to import vehicle or equipment within the allotted sixty calendar days, you will be required to re-apply to AS-EPA for a new MVEI Approval.