

Information needed to obtain a Repair or Alteration Temporary Importation Approval Letter from EPA

The vehicle is imported solely for repair or alteration. Anyone may temporarily import a nonconforming vehicle for Repair or Alteration in accordance with 40 CFR 85.1511 (b)(1). A vehicle is imported only for repair or alteration and must comply with the following:

- Repair/Alteration exemptions may not be used for the purposes of converting vehicles to meet Federal emission requirements, or for storing vehicles (e.g., temporary storage pending conversion or exportation);
- Importer must post a bond with U.S. Customs.
- Vehicle may not be sold or otherwise transferred to another party in the U.S.; and
- Vehicle must be exported after the repair or alteration, or upon expiration of the exemption, whichever comes first.
- It may not be operated on public roads or highways in the U.S.

To obtain a Repair/Alteration Temporary Importation Approval Letter from EPA, please provide the following information:

Your exemption application needs to be in letter form and signed by the requestor.

1. Your full name, current address, phone number, Fax number, and email address (if applicable).
2. Vehicle year, make, model and Vehicle Identification Number (for a motor vehicle engine you will need to list the year, make, model and engine serial number).
3. Proof of vehicle ownership (copy of current title or registration from country of origin of the vehicle).
4. Reason why the vehicle/engine needs to be imported to the U.S. for repairs or alterations.
5. Duration of the importation.
6. Repair or alteration information: (What will be done to the vehicle/engine, who will be doing the repairs and contact info for the repair or alterations, any other information regarding the modifications such as a repair contract (Name and Address of the facility that is doing the Repair or Alteration (On Company Letter Head))).
7. A statement showing the importer and owner has read and will comply with 40CFR 85.1511(b)(1). A compliance Memorandum will be supplied once we have all of your information. The exemption will not go into affect until we receive a signed copy of the memorandum and an exemption letter is issued.
8. Disposition of the vehicle/engine at the end of the exemption.

- You must also include the current location of the vehicle(s)/engine(s) at the time of the exemption request.

Please mail, fax, or email this information to:

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