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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Deputy Director (Support)  
**ATTENTION:** Executive Assistant  
**SUBJECT:** Transportation Item for the Support Bulletin

1. It is requested that the following item be included in the next Support Bulletin:

**CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTATION  
OF AUTOMOBILES PURCHASED ABROAD**

Under Public Law 126, Government employees or military personnel returning home under permanent change of station orders, may be allowed free entry of their automobiles, provided they have served overseas for at least 140 days of continuous duty assignment.

An automobile purchased abroad and sent home before Government orders are issued, or a car purchased and not in the employees possession will not be entitled to free entry under Public Law 126.

The word "possession", as used by Bureau of Customs, should be taken to mean either physical possession or a right to immediate possession at the point of purchase. This would usually mean the presence of the automobile in the showroom or warehouse of the seller within the city in which purchase was made, so that the buyer could take possession if he so desired, rather than having the dealer ship the automobile.

Several Agency employees, ordering automobiles from points in the Far East for shipment from Europe, have been required to pay import duty on the automobiles. This duty was assessed because the employee did not have possession of the automobile nor the right to immediate possession at the place of purchase.

Employees, intending to purchase automobiles abroad, should acquaint themselves with Customs requirements prior to purchase and shipment to preclude financial hardship.

Further information on specific problems may be obtained direct from the following sources.

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The Bureau of Customs, Washington, D. C., the nearest United States Consular Office, or one of the offices listed below:

The Treasury Attache, American Embassy, London, England, and United States Treasury Representatives (Customs) at:

American Consulate General, Frankfurt/Main, Germany

American Consulate General, Milan, Italy  
American Embassy, Paris, France

2. This item is appropriate for publication in the Support Bulletin due to its timely dissemination to field and Headquarters personnel.

3. The Office of Logistics is taking action to amend Regulatory Issuances to include the information outlined in paragraph 1 above.




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Acting Director of Logistics

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