

The UK transition.

The UK has left the EU, and the transition period after Brexit comes to an end this year.

The EU and the Sovereign Base Areas

As of 1 January 2021 the Sovereign Base Areas will continue to remain outside the EU but inside the customs territory of the EU.

There will be a series of radio interviews to advise BFBS listeners of the impact, the end of the UK transition may have on the wider defence community in Cyprus.

For each interview there will be a guide detailing the topic discussed.

Interview Friday 20 July 2020

Exporting your vehicle back to the UK.

What is the procedure before 1 January 2021?

Your vehicle is treated in the UK as arriving from another member state. You will apply for a NOVA from the Fiscal Office. This will allow you to register the vehicle in the UK without the payment of tax and duties.

The conditions are:

- the vehicle is exported at the end of your tour; and
- has been registered for use in the Republic of Cyprus.

What changes after the 1 January 2021

You will still be able to import your vehicle to Cyprus tax and duty free. However, there is a change to the Customs procedures for your vehicles returning to the UK. The changes apply to vehicles, where the movement of

the vehicle to the UK commenced after 31 December 2020. You may have to pay tax and duties on the vehicle unless you qualify for the following reliefs:

- Transfer of Residence Relief (ToR)
- Returned Goods Relief (RGR)

To summarise.

ToR

To qualify you should have:

- owned and used the vehicle in Cyprus for no less than 6 months;
- resided outside the UK for at least 12 months; and also;
- you must retain the vehicle for a further 12 months in the UK

If you dispose of your vehicle within 12 months of arriving in the UK DVLA will notify HMRC.

RGR

To qualify:

- you must have exported the vehicle from the UK no more than 3 years ago (6 years for military personnel and UKBCs);
- VAT must have been paid on the vehicle in the UK prior to export.

How can I get further advice?

The UK government has launched the [the UK Transition website](#)

This is a simple guide and before you commit to purchasing a vehicle you are strongly advised not to rely on this note but to read the Gov.UK HMRC notices thoroughly.

[Transfer of Residence relief](#) Gov.UK HMRC Notice 5 (ToR)

[Returned Goods Relief](#) Gov.UK HMRC Notice 236 (RGR)

You should contact HM Revenue and Customs if you require further advice and guidance.

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