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Ministry of Commerce

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**NOTIFICATION**

**No: 16(I)/2006 – Import II.** It is notified for the information of all concerned that the Government of Pakistan has decided to allow import of duty free cars for personal use of the disabled persons.

1. Eligibility

A Pakistani national suffering from physical disability (excluding mentally retarded /handicapped and old age disability) may apply to the Federal Board of Disabled Persons (the board) for import, once in five years, a new car not exceeding an engine capacity of 1,350 cc for personal use without payment of custom duties provided the applicant, hereinafter referred as the “disabled person”:-

- i. is deemed to be otherwise fit to drive a car i.e. he/she is not disabled due to mental retardation/ illness (mental or physical)/old age etc. and that the disability is such that can be overcome, for driving purposes, by fitting special gadgets to the car.
- ii. possesses a valid driving license;
- iii. has a monthly verifiable personal income between Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 100,000
- iv. has not imported a duty free car and/or has not purchased a locally manufactured car at concessional rate of duty/ taxes during the last five years
- v. has not been rejected by the board during last two years preceding the date of application

Explanation:-

- a. Valid driving license means a Driving license issued by an appropriate authority to drive a car/jeep and does not include a learner’s permit.
- b. Verifiable income means such income on which income tax has been paid or is so certified by appropriate revenue authorities in case of agricultural income.

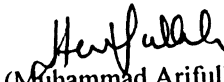
2. Procedure

- i. The disabled person may apply on prescribed proforma to the Section Officer (Import – II), Ministry of Commerce along with certified copies of the documents

mentioned below, original documents shall be presented before the board at time of interview:-

- a. Valid Driving license
  - b. National Tax Number (NTN) Certificates and annual income tax returns
  - c. Documents/ Medical certificates/ X-rays in support of declared disability and/or Special Computerized National Identity cards for disabled persons/ Disability Certificate by National Council for Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons (NCRDP) or by Provincial Council for Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons (PCRDP) of the Ministry of Social Welfare
  - d. Proforma invoice, of the car desired to be imported, issued by the authorized dealer.
- ii. The applicant shall be examined and interviewed by the Board in its meeting convened periodically at Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad or at a suitable location depending upon the number of applicants. The Board shall be chaired by a Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce and shall comprise concerned Deputy Secretary of the Ministry, a Representative each of the Ministry of Social Welfare and of Federal Board of Revenue and an orthopedic surgeon nominated by the Ministry of Health. Section Officer (Import) Ministry of Commerce shall be Secretary of the Board. The board shall normally meet when a sufficient number of applications are received from a particular region.
- iii. The board shall approve, reject or defer the application as deemed fit by it
- iv. The decision of the board shall be final
- v. Ministry of Commerce shall issue import authorization as recommended by the board. The authorization shall be valid for a period of one year for import from date of issuance. Any alteration, amendment, over-writing etc. unless done by the Ministry of Commerce shall invalidate the authorization.
- vi. The authorized disabled person shall furnish copies of import documents and registration documents, within three months of imports.
3. Terms and Conditions
- i. Car imported against the authorization shall be for personal use of the disabled person and shall not be used for commercial purposes
  - ii. Only brand new car shall be imported under the said scheme
  - iii. The car so imported shall bear a special registration number and special color plates mentioning "Disabled Person Car" so provided by the provincial excise & taxation department
  - iv. The car shall be driven by the person in whose favor the import authorization is issued unless otherwise specifically allowed by the board

- v. Sale, transfer or alienation in any other manner of the car so imported is not allowed within five years of import except
- a. To another disabled person on production of a valid import authorization issued by the Ministry of Commerce on recommendation of the board
  - b. On payment of custom duty and taxes as were otherwise applicable at the time of import and were exempted.
  - c. In case of death of the authorized disabled person, the legal heirs can dispose off the vehicle, within 5 years of import, only in the manner specified above.
- vi. The board shall not entertain application for import authorization submitted within five years of import of car under this scheme unless the applicant provides sufficient proof that either the car was stolen or is damaged beyond recovery. In the former case copies of First Information Report (FIR) and Investigation Completion Report by concerned police authorities certifying that the stolen car is not traceable shall be the minimal acceptable proof. In the latter case, the applicant should submit a copy of FIR and a certificate from provincial Excise and Taxation Department to the effect that the car has been rendered useless beyond repair.
4. Authorizations issued under the previous scheme i.e. purchase of cars on concessional custom duties shall not automatically qualify the disabled person under this scheme.
5. The scheme is operational with immediate effect and till further orders.

  
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