

Q&A:

A new restrictive measure applies to temporary import of vehicles registered in Russia into the European Union. It does not change the conditions for entry of individuals.

1. What does the new restrictive measure mean?

- A new restrictive measure applies to cars registered in Russia that are temporarily brought into the European Union, for example for the purpose of tourism. Permanent import of vehicles is already banned under earlier sanctions.
- The new restriction means that cars registered in Russia may be brought into Finland only by EU citizens who have permanent residence in Russia or their family members, by diplomats or those with comparable diplomatic status, or for humanitarian reasons.

2. What kinds of vehicles are subject to the new restrictive measure?

- The new restrictive measure applies to vehicles falling under CN code 8703 of the Common Customs Tariff. These include passenger cars and motor caravans and other vehicles designed to carry fewer than 10 persons (including the driver).

3. I am a Finnish citizen permanently living in Russia. Can I enter Finland driving a car registered in Russia?

- Yes. EU citizens who are permanently resident in Russia may enter Finland driving a car registered in Russia.

4. I am a Russian citizen living in Russia and I want to come to Finland driving a car registered in Russia. Can I bring the car?

- No. In your case, it is not possible to bring into Finland a car registered in Russia.

5. I am a Russian citizen. I live in Russia, and my Finnish spouse lives in Finland. Can I enter Finland driving a car registered in Russia?

- No. Russian citizens may not bring into Finland a car registered in Russia. However, this restriction does not apply to dual citizens who live permanently in Russia.

6. I am a Finnish citizen living in Finland. I would like to drive in Finland a car registered in Russia that belongs to my Russian spouse. May I drive the car in Finland?

- No. Passenger cars registered in Russia may be brought into Finland only by EU citizens who are permanently resident in Russia or their family members or by diplomats or those with comparable diplomatic status.

7. I am a Finnish citizen living in Russia. Can I visit Finland driving a car registered in Russia?

- Yes you can, if you have a permanent residence in Russia.

8. I am a Russian citizen living in Finland with my spouse. When I return to Finland after visiting Russia, may I bring a car registered in Russia?

- No. Passenger cars registered in Russia may be brought into Finland only by EU citizens who are permanently resident in Russia or their family members or by diplomats or those with comparable diplomatic status.

9. I am a Finnish citizen living in Finland. I would like to visit my Russian spouse in Russia driving a car registered in Finland. Can I do that?

- Yes. Finland does not restrict the export to Russia of cars registered in Finland (or in any other EU or Schengen member state) when driven by a citizen of Finland or of any other EU or Schengen member state and when the car is taken to Russia temporarily for personal use.
- Persons travelling to Russia are advised to follow the Foreign Ministry's travel advice and any entry and import restrictions imposed by the Russian Federation.

10. I am a Russian citizen permanently living in Finland (or any other EU/Schengen member state). Can I visit Russia driving a car registered in Finland (or in any other EU/Schengen member state)?

- Yes. Finland does not restrict the export to Russia of cars registered in Finland (or in any other EU or Schengen member state) when driven by a Russian citizen who has a permanent residence in Finland (or in any other EU or Schengen member state) when the car is taken to Russia temporarily for personal use.
- Persons travelling to Russia are advised to keep an eye on the Foreign Ministry's travel advice and any entry and import restrictions imposed by the Russian Federation.

11. I have in Finland a car registered in Russia that was brought into the country before the restrictions entered into force. What should I do with it?

- You should return the car back to Russia by 16 March 2024.

12. Is Finland seizing vehicles registered in Russia that have been in Finland for a long time?

- Finland seizes goods subject to sanctions only in connection with criminal proceedings.
- Vehicles registered in Russia that have been in Finland for a long time should be removed from Finland by 16 March 2024.