



A GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE BAHAMAS BUREAU OF STANDARDS AND QUALITY

Date: 22nd January 2019

RE: USED VEHICLE PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION FOR ROADWORTHINESS REQUIREMENT

To ensure quality standards of used vehicles imported for use into the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, The Bahamas Bureau of Standards and Quality (BBSQ) will now require all used vehicles imported into The Bahamas to be pre-shipment inspected in the country of origin (predominantly Japan) by our appointed contract partner, EAA Company Limited (EAA). (<http://eaa-s.jp>)

EAA will perform these pre-shipment inspections, which will entail a full line inspection to test for roadworthiness compliance to Bahamas National Standard (BNS) 2019 - Inspection and testing of used motor vehicles for roadworthiness. Further, the Service Provider shall test for radiation contamination on the Japan sourced motor vehicles being certified.

Please be advised that from the 1st April 2019, no used vehicle imported from Japan/United Kingdom/Singapore or the United Arab Emirates will be able to enter the Bahamas and be registered for use on our roads unless it has been inspected by EAA and has the appropriate certification (unless shipping documentation proves the vehicle was shipped prior to the inspection commencement date of 1st of March 2019). Importers of used vehicles must ensure that vehicles intended for export to the Bahamas shall receive an EAA inspection prior to shipment, and upon successful inspection are issued with authorised certification and a sticker placed on the front windshield of the vehicle.

Pre-Shipment Inspections will commence from the 1st of March 2019.

The inspection fees (payable directly to EAA and incl. of tax):

Japan - USD\$150 (converted to ¥19,000)

United Kingdom - USD\$200 (converted to £155.00)

Singapore - USD\$150 (converted to S\$250.00)

United Arab Emirates - USD\$150 (converted to AED550)

You are hereby kindly asked to cooperate with EAA who will arrange with vehicle exporters to conduct pre-shipment inspections at a location in and around the main exporting ports in Japan. Inspections will also be conducted in the United Kingdom, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates.

The Bahamas Bureau of Standards and Quality thanks you in advance for your co-operation in this important initiative.

Yours sincerely

BBSQ Director