

Foreigners traveling to Mexico by car

Foreigners who travel by car to Mexico must pay the fee for 'visitor without permission to conduct remunerative activities' at a cost of \$25 USD approximately or \$295.00 Mexican pesos, and must comply with customs procedures.

Foreigners may use the lane for "nothing to declare" if the goods they are carrying do not exceed their personal luggage allowance. However, if travelling with additional items whose value exceeds \$75.00 USD, foreigners must pass through the "self-declaration" lane.

For further details please visit the following web site:

http://www.aduanas.gob.mx/aduana_mexico/2008/pasajeros/139_10179.html

TEMPORARY IMPORT OF VEHICLES

In order to bring a foreign vehicle into Mexico, it is necessary to obtain a temporary import permit. The validity of this permit will correspond to the foreigner's authorized length of stay, and may be processed:

1. By internet at the *Banjercito* website from 60 to 7 days prior to entering Mexican territory. (<https://www.banjercito.com.mx/registroVehiculos/>)
2. Directly at the border module (CIITEV).
3. At the Mexican Consulates in Albuquerque, Austin, Chicago, Dallas, Dallas Ftw, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Sacramento, San Bernardino. This step can be carried out at these Mexican Consulates six months in advance.

Important to keep in mind

A temporarily imported vehicle can't be sold in Mexico, and must invariably be removed once again from Mexican territory. This return is carried out by presenting the vehicle to *Banjercito* personnel operating the CIITEV modules at exit customs points to obtain the return receipt, which must be kept.

Should the foreigner fail to follow the above return procedure, the vehicle must be presented at the border module to cancel the import permit.

If the vehicle return is not processed within the authorized period, the deposit will be cashed and the amount transferred to the *Federal Treasury* by the second banking day following the date of expiration of the temporary import permit, at the latest.

If the import permit is expired and the vehicle continues to circulate within Mexico, it may be impounded and the owner or driver fined.

- ⇒ Temporary import permits can't be returned from abroad through Mexican Consulates.
- ⇒ Foreigners with a vehicle that has yet to be returned may not apply for a new import permit.

