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**VCA Guide to Exporting Vehicles to Malta from Japan**  
**For vehicles that are being exported to importers who are NOT members of the Maltese**  
**Used Vehicles Importers Association**

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For the SVA Scheme for Malta, 2 kinds of inspection are defined:

- Model report inspections
- Certificate of Conformity Inspections (SVA)

### **Model Report Inspections**

Detailed inspections carried out to establish the compliance with the requirements for Malta and to document the specifications of a vehicle type in order that the conformity of subsequent vehicles of a given type may be confirmed. These inspections may be carried out in Malta if there are vehicles of the type to be examined already registered and in use in Malta, otherwise they may be carried out in Japan or the United Kingdom.

### **Fees for Model Reports**

Test Fee 100,000 yen (Test Fee 80,000 yen + Report Fee 20,000 yen)  
The retest fee - 80,000 yen.  
SVA Inspection Fee -12,500 yen per vehicle

Plus Subsistence expenses

Plus Charges for hire of test facility.

Plus SVA Inspection Fee – 12,500 yen per vehicle

### **Certificate Of Conformity Inspections**

Inspections carried out to confirm the conformity of a given vehicle with a particular model report. These inspections may only be carried out in Japan. It is necessary to be in possession of a model report or at least have prior written authorisation from a third party to use a model report in their possession.

## **Procedure**

### **Step 1**

Prior to Inspection.

All types of vehicle that are to be inspected under the scheme must be covered by a model report. The applicant must be in possession of a model report or have written authorisation to use a model report (in some instances authorisation may be obtained from a person or organisation in possession of a model report).

Applicants may consider becoming members of the Used Vehicle Importers Association in Malta to benefit from discounted member rates for inspections. They can be contacted at:

USED VEHICLES IMPORTERS ASSOCIATION (UVIA)  
First Floor, 61, Msida Seafront, Msida MSD10, Malta  
Tel: + 356 21222912; 00 356 21221001.  
Fax: + 356 21230414.  
email: [info@emaadvocates.com](mailto:info@emaadvocates.com)

### **Step 2**

The applicant must send an e-mail containing the list of vehicles including Make, Model and Chassis number to the following e-mail address:

malta@vca-asia.jp

Ensuring that the vehicles are listed alphabetically according to Model (commercial description). The details of the applicant and the details of the importer in Malta (if applicable) must be included in the e-mail. Please use the form, "Inspection Sheet for Malta".

VCA will only respond to applications by e-mail, to arrange an inspection date, time and location and to discuss any issues that may arise.

### **The Inspection**

The inspection of vehicles will primarily be a visual one, to confirm that the vehicle is representative of the type defined in the Model Report. Special attention will be paid to (amongst other things): Rear visibility, side direction indicators, tyres, seats and seat belts, speedometer, brake pedals, etc.

### **Inspection Fee Arrangement**

VCA ask that there be a minimum of 16 vehicles to be inspected at any one date and location. The fee for 16 or more vehicles to be inspected will be ¥12500 per unit. If however, there are less than 16 units the following formula will be used to calculate the inspection fee:

¥200,000 / number of vehicles = ¥ ----- Unit price per vehicle.

(IF LESS THAN 16 UNITS)

## **TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENT**

Our inspector goes to the nearest train station for the inspection place.  
Please arrange the transportation between the station and the inspection place on your side.

◎Nagoya ⇔ The nearest station of the inspection place (Train)

◎The station ⇔ Inspection Place (Arrange a ride on your side)

OR

◎The station ⇔ Inspection Place (Take a taxi – your expenses)

### **Step 3**

Once the inspection is completed, the applicant will be advised of the total number of units that were inspected and how many meet the requirements under the scheme. The applicant will be asked to sign a confirmation note confirming the number inspected and the number that will be issued a certificate, as well as being asked to confirm the importer in Malta (if applicable).

### **Step 4**

An invoice for the number of vehicles inspected, and details of which vehicles will be issued with a certificate of conformity will be sent to the applicant . It is important that these details are checked, as well as confirming the details of the importer in Malta (if applicable), as these details will be printed on the certificate and will not be transferable once issued.

### **Step 5**

VCA will issue the certificate(s) of conformity within five working days of confirmation by their bank that payment against the relevant invoice has been made.