

MINO-741 Delays receiving car and Clean Car Discount costs

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Redactions made under s9(2)(a) of the OIA

Provide lines addressing the delay in [REDACTED] receiving his car when he transported it to New Zealand.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has no contact with Customs regarding the timing of vehicles being cleared, nor any influence over the process.
 - If [REDACTED] car had been shipped as initially planned in October it is highly likely it would have been registered in New Zealand prior to the 1 January 2023 cut off meaning he would not have been subject to the Clean Car Standard fee, he would have still been subject to the Clean Car Discount.
- [REDACTED] would have been subject to the Clean Car Discount fee of \$2,500 even if his vehicle came through before 1 January 2023 as the Clean Car Discount scheme was introduced in 2022.
- Clean Car Standard charges would not have been applicable if [REDACTED] car was released by customs and registered in New Zealand before 1 January 2023.
- [REDACTED] vehicle is not a special interest vehicle. It is a standard vehicle with few other similar models in the country. [REDACTED] can view the requirements for a vehicle to be classified special interest here <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/vehicles/importing-a-vehicle/exceptions/special-interest-vehicles/>
- The following file note gives some more context to the
 - The vehicle was certified as an immigrants vehicle, this would have happened as it didn't meet one or more specific standards to be registered normally, in this case it did not meet an emission standard which vehicles under 20 years from the date of manufacturer when they are entry certified into New Zealand are required to meet. This vehicle did not meet the minimum Euro 4 standard. Had the immigrants requirements not been met then the vehicle could not have been certified for Entry into New Zealand.
 - As the vehicle has been entry certified as an immigrants vehicle it must remain in the name of the registered person [REDACTED] for one year from the 24/02/2023, the vehicle cannot be sold or traded.