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Trade Board issues new age limits for motor vehicles

The Trade Administrator/CEO of The Trade Board Limited (TBL), Douglas Webster, is advising importers of motor vehicles and specific heavy-duty equipment that section 6.0 of the 2014 Motor vehicle import policy - age at importation - has been amended, effective immediately.

Webster explains that the change, which will broaden accessibility to motor vehicles and in the process facilitate greater business/commercial activity, results in new age limits ranging from six (6) years for cars up to thirty (30) years for commercial vehicles (see table overleaf). For example, the age limit for motor cars and station wagons has increased from 5 years to 6 years. As such, come 2020, dealers and individuals can still import 2014 sedans and station wagons.

The limit for small trucks (unladen weight 1,501 kg – 3,000 kg), panel vans and window vans has increased from 6 years to 10 years. Hence, dealers and individuals can now import 2009 small trucks, panel vans and window vans.

Meanwhile, Director, Licensing, Certification & Enforcement Clifford Hall indicated that the new age limits will be welcomed by motor vehicle dealers and individuals.

For a complete list of the age amendments, visit the TBL website via www.tradeboard.gov.jm or send an email to info@tradeboard.gov.jm.

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Amendment to Section 6.0 of The Motor Vehicle Import Policy Age of Vehicle at Importation Ministry Paper # 36/14			
Category of Vehicles	Types of Vehicles	Approved Age Limit (yrs.)	
Cars	Sedans: Seating capacity not exceeding 5 persons	6	
	Station Wagons: Seating capacity not exceeding 8 persons	6	
	SUVs: Seating capacity not exceeding 8 persons	6	
Light Commercial Vehicles	Buses: Seating capacity not exceeding 8 persons	6	
	Pick Up Trucks: Unladen weight not exceeding 1,500 Kg	6	
	Pick Up Trucks, Other Small Trucks: Unladen weight 1,501 Kg – 3,000 Kg.	10	
	Panel Vans	10	
	Window Vans	10	
	Buses: Seating capacity 9 – 14 persons	10	
Commercial Vehicles	Buses:	Seating capacity 15 – 20 persons	12
		Seating capacity 21 – 30 persons	15
		Seating capacity 31 – 45 persons	20
		Seating capacity exceeding 46 persons	25
	Trucks:	Unladen weight 3,001Kg– 6,000Kg	20
		Unladen weight 6,001Kg– 8,000Kg	25
		Unladen weight exceeding 8,000Kg	30