

Viet Nam response to case on New regulation of importing car to Viet Nam (7717TH)

- Firstly, regarding the Decree 116, I would like to reaffirm that the Decree 116 is consistent with our international commitments since it does not provide any discrimination between imported and domestically manufactured automobiles. In fact, according to our laws and regulations, domestically manufactured vehicles as well as their manufacturing process are subject to quality monitoring and inspection by competent authorities and the inspection is made on each product. Please refer to the Circular 30/2011 and Circular 54/2014 issued by Ministry of Transport of Viet Nam (MOT) stipulating the inspection of technical safety, quality and environmental protection in manufacturing and assembling motor vehicles for more information.

- For your information, recently, MOT has issued Circular No. 03/2018/TT-BGTVT dated 3 January 2018 guiding the implementation of Decree 116 on technical safety, quality inspection and environmental protection for imported cars. According to the regulation of Circular 03/2018/TT-BGTVT, the inspection of imported cars will requires the following documents: the certificate of quality control, technical safety and environmental protection according to set form; a copy of Vehicle Type Approval (VTA) certificate for cars exported to Viet Nam issued by foreign competent agencies or organizations; the original of goods quality inspection certificate issued by foreign automobile-manufacturers or -assembling enterprises for each automobile...

- In addition, according to the latest update from relevant agencies, following the guidance of the MOT, the Thailand authorities could issue the VTA for exported cars as required and the MOT also accepted the model of VTA issued by Thailand Government. Automakers including Toyota, Honda, Ford, GM, Mitsubishi, Nissan and Mazda, who imported vehicles from Thailand to Viet Nam, had submitted the paper to the Ministry and recently received the Ministry's approval. The firms are aggressively planning to resume export after several months of halt. Moreover, as we know, contrasting with ASEAN exporters, most European brands, such as Porsche, Mercedes, Volvo and Volkswagen, or some of China, Japan exporters, they said that the manufacturers could provide VTA certificates without any obstacles.

We hope the above infomations would help address your legitimate concerns of automobiles regulations.