

Important Notice on Purchase of Second Hand Vehicles from Japan

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The Embassy of Japan in Trinidad and Tobago has received reports of problems related to importing used vehicles to Caribbean countries from Japan. These are cases in which importers have transferred money to entities that claim to be authentic second-hand vehicle dealers in Japan and the latter failed to ship the ordered vehicles after receiving the payment.

The Embassy advises those who encounter difficulty while importing a vehicle and consider the transaction as a fraud, to file a report with a respective local police in Japan through the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL).

The Embassy of Japan wishes to remind that prospective buyers are strongly advised to exercise proper caution when entering into online purchase transactions with unfamiliar merchants by exercising due diligence to verify the current operating status of the exporters to avoid future troubles. The buyers may find useful the members' list of the Japan Used Motor Vehicle Exporters Association (JUMVEA) by visiting JUMVEA's website at www.jumvea.or.jp, though the Embassy of Japan is not in a position to guarantee the authenticity of each member.