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# Australian Customs Notice No. 2019/36

## Luxury Car Tax (LCT) on re-imported, refurbished vehicles

### Non-taxable re-importations of refurbished luxury cars

The *A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax) Act 1999* has been amended to remove liability for luxury car tax on cars that are exported and then re-imported following service, repair or refurbishment overseas.

An importation of a car is a **non-taxable re-importation** if:

- (a) The car was exported from the indirect tax zone<sup>1</sup> and is returned to the indirect tax zone; and
- (b) The car has been subject to any treatment, industrial processing, repair, renovation, alteration or any other process since its export; and
- (c) The ownership of the car has not changed in the period beginning immediately before the car was exported and ending at the time it is returned to the indirect tax zone.

Importers should enter the exemption code **'L720'** when completing their N10 import declaration for the affected vehicle.

**Application** - the amendment applies in relation to re-importations occurring on or after 1 January 2019 and will be applied retrospectively.

For those that have paid LCT on an affected vehicle between 1 January 2019 and 1 October 2019, information on how to obtain a refund will be communicated through a separate Australian Customs Notice in the near future.

For further information on the change, visit the Australian Taxation Office website at [www.ato.gov.au/business/luxury-car-tax/when-lct-applies/importing-a-luxury-car/](http://www.ato.gov.au/business/luxury-car-tax/when-lct-applies/importing-a-luxury-car/)

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<sup>1</sup> 'Indirect tax zone' means Australia, but does not include external territories and certain offshore areas.