



INFORMATION NOTICE ACROSS THE COMMAND CONCERNING CHANGES TO CUSTOMS DOCUMENTATION FOR THE IMPORT OF GOODS (BFG FORM 60), THE IMPORT OF MOTOR VEHICLES INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND A CHANGE OF PROCEDURE ON TRANSFER OF RESIDENCE TO UK

In line with the GOC UKSC(G) Safeguard and Simplify initiative, with effect from 1 Sep 08 certain changes have been made to a number of Customs documents and the **New Means of Transport** concession on permanent transfer of residence to the UK of the head of household.

BFG Form 60 (Rev Sep 08), application for a special certificate to import personal belongings, (BFG Form 80) has been modified in some areas. However it remains basically the same document.

BFG Form 414A (Rev Sep 08), application for a BFG Form 414, has been modified, Although basically the same document it is required for any BFG vehicle, tax-free – over 12 months old or tax paid that is being returned to the UK permanently. The yellow BFG Form 414 must be obtained before leaving Germany. However, it is no longer to be used when applying for the New Means of Transport concession on permanent transfer of residence, of the head of household on posting to the UK for a tax free vehicle less than 12 months old.

BFG Form 414B (Rev Sep 08), application for a BFG Form 414 (New Means of Transport) is a completely new form. It replaces the previous requirement for BFG 414A, a copy of a posting order and the additional annex document. It is for use when the head of family is posted back to the UK **only**, on transfer of residence, for a tax-free vehicle that has been BFG registered for a period of less than 12 months. Only **one** New Means of Transport per entitled member of family is allowed. The yellow BFG Form 414(NMT) must be obtained before leaving Germany.

When completing any of these documents please ensure that you enter the correct details as required. A significant percentage of documents currently submitted contain errors that cannot be corrected by Customs and Immigration and have to be returned to the applicant for amendment. A little more time spent ensuring the document is correctly completed avoids the delay in the production of the Customs document.

All these forms come into effect on **1 Sep 08**. All previous additions will not be valid after that date. The new forms will be distributed to all garrisons in the first week of Aug 08.

With effect from 1 Sep 08 a New Means of Transport must have been BFG registered for a minimum of 7 days before a BFG Form 414 (NMT) can be issued. This is a change to the previous requirement. This means that if the head of family is posted back to the UK only, on transfer of residence, a BFG Form 414B must be completed for all tax-free vehicles that have not been registered with the BFG Licensing Office for at least 12 months.

Advice on Customs documentation can be obtained from your garrison C&I adviser or the Customs and Immigration Enquiry Line during operating hours on Rheindahlen Military 2229, Civil 02161 472 2229.

Advice on BFG vehicle registration procedures can be obtained from your local BFG registration office or the BFG Vehicle Licensing Office Helpline during operating hours on Rheindahlen Mil 4100, Civil 02161 472 4100.