Sale of a vehicle to a person eligible for green plates
(sale between members of the CERN personnel)

Expect the formalities at the customs office to take around half an hour

After having booked an appointment via e-mail, go to the Ferney-Voltaire customs office.

If you cannot be present, you may give written authorisation (a procuration) and a copy of your TSS (“French card” – special residence permit issued by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs) to a person of your choice who can complete the formalities on your behalf.

− Present the original of form 2 or “2 bis” (this document must include the authorisation stamps on the reverse)
− Present your TSS (“French card” – special residence permit issued by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs) and 1 photocopy of both sides
− Present the original carte grise registration document for the vehicle and 2 photocopies of both sides
− Provide 2 photocopies of a Cerfa No. 15776*01 certificat de cession (transfer certificate), completed and signed by both buyer and seller
− see: https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R20300
− Provide 2 photocopies of both sides of the buyer’s TSS (“French card” – special residence permit issued by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs)

I/ If the sale of the vehicle does not involve a change in its status (i.e. transfer from 431 K to 431 K, or from 431 CD to 431 CD), the green plates do not need to be handed in to the customs office when the sale takes place, unless the buyer does not want to retain the seller’s green plate number.

II/ If the sale of the vehicle involves a change in its status (i.e. transfer from 431 K to 431 CD or from 431 CD to 431 K), the green plates must be handed in to the customs service when the sale takes place.
In cases where the green plates must be handed in, if they have not been produced (and therefore never used on the vehicle) a signed statement certifying that no green plates were ever produced must be submitted. This statement must be signed and stamped by CERN.