CUSTOMS CLEARANCE before

- registration of a vehicle on standard French plates
- sale to a private individual
- sale to a dealership

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

After having booked an appointment via e-mail, go to the customs office, where the duties and taxes payable will be calculated based on the current value of your vehicle. If the value of your vehicle does not appear in the customs office’s Argus list, you will be asked to go to www.largus.fr (paid service) and to print the page corresponding to your vehicle.

- Return the original of form 2 or “2 bis” (this document must include the authorisation stamps on the reverse)
- Present the original carte grise registration document for the vehicle and 1 photocopy of both sides
- Present your TSS (“French card” – special residence permit issued by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs) and 1 photocopy of both sides

Hand in the green plates.

Clear the vehicle for customs (pay the duties and taxes).

Due to a resurgence in the number of unpaid cheques, payments by cheque for amounts lower than €1500 are no longer accepted.

Payment methods accepted:

- credit or debit card, for any amount (recommended payment method)
- cash up to €1000
- bank draft (cheque drawn up by your bank, made payable to “Trésor Public”) for any amount over €1500.