

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

ENHANCING TRADE FACILITATION IN JAMAICA

The Government of Jamaica is making it faster for authorised new car dealers to receive imported vehicles through an enhancement to the Jamaica Customs Agency's (JCA) Trade Facilitation Programme.

Effective June 22, 2026, **mandatory physical verification before release has been replaced with post-clearance verification for new motor vehicles imported by authorised new car dealers.** This means vehicles can leave the port sooner, while the JCA completes its compliance checks after release.

The enhancement reduces unnecessary delays for a low-risk category of imports, helping dealers receive vehicles more quickly and improving the flow of goods through Jamaica's ports. It also allows the JCA to focus its inspection resources where they are needed most, supporting more efficient trade and the Government's ease-of-doing-business agenda.

WHAT YOU SHOULD REMEMBER

- New motor vehicles imported by authorised new car dealers no longer require mandatory physical verification before release from the port.
- Customs verification for these vehicles now takes place after release through a post-clearance process.
- The enhancement applies only to new motor vehicles imported by authorised new car dealers.

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The enhanced Trade Facilitation Programme helps reduce delays in the import process, creating a more efficient trading environment that benefits businesses and supports Jamaica's economic growth.