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Measures For The Importation Of New Hybrid Vehicles

As From 01/12/2026

The Customs department wishes to draw the attention of all customs agents and importers of new hybrid vehicles to the publication of Commission Implementing Regulation 2614/2026 dated 23rd November 2026 and published on the 24th November 2026. https://eurlex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2026/2614/oj/eng.

This regulation imposes a provisional safeguard measure with regard to imports of certain new hybrid vehicles designed for the transport of persons. The measure takes the form of a volume quota. For the purposes of the measure, 'imports' means release for free circulation. Placing the goods under another customs procedure, such as customs warehousing, does not count against the quota. Imports in excess of the available volume are not permitted: once a quarterly volume has been exhausted, the goods concerned cannot be released for free circulation until the next quarterly volume opens.

The quota is managed by the Commission on a first-come, first-served basis in accordance with Articles 49 to 54 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447. The quota will be available for drawing, and drawing requests will be allocated, from the second working day after 1 December 2026 – the date of entry into force of EC regulation 2614/2026.

Export certificates

Each import under the Chinese quota must be covered by an export certificate issued by the China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Machinery and Electronic Products (CCCME). One certificate covers one commercial invoice and one customs clearance. Accordingly, the declarant must present a duly signed and stamped export certificate when lodging the import declaration.

Timing and goods in transit

Certificates of the CCCME may be issued from the date of publication (24 November 2026). The measure applies to all goods released for free circulation from 1 December 2026, including goods shipped before that date. No transitional arrangements apply for goods in transit.

This information shall also be uploaded on the MTCA Customs portal under Information Sheets.

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