



LEGISLATION COMMISSION

(in cooperation with FIA)

Survey:

Legal Status of Historic Vehicles

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Historic vehicles in Europe and Overseas

General:

The "Fédération Internationale des Véhicules Anciens" (FIVA) has made a survey on the legal status of historic vehicles in Europe in 2004/2005. This survey was based on data provided by national member clubs of FIVA (ANFs) by means of a questionnaire.

In 2006 additional data have been obtained also from countries outside the EU and overseas. Helpful support to collect further information was given by Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile Anciens. By January 2007 the survey uses data from the following countries:

EUROPE:

A	-	Austria
B	-	Belgium
CH	-	Switzerland
CY	-	Cyprus
CZ	-	Czech Republic
D	-	Germany
DK	-	Denmark
E	-	Spain
F	-	France
GB	-	Great Britain
GR	-	Greece
H	-	Hungary
I	-	Italy
IRL	-	Ireland
L	-	Luxembourg
MC	-	Monaco
N	-	Norway
NL	-	The Netherlands
PL	-	Poland
P	-	Portugal
S	-	Sweden
SF	-	Finland
SK	-	Slovakia
SLO	-	Slovenia

OVERSEAS:

AUS	-	Australia
BR	-	Brazil
HK	-	Hong Kong
J	-	Japan

FIVA's Definiton:

A historic vehicle is a mechanically propelled vehicle, manufactured more than 25 years ago, preserved and maintained in historically correct condition and in the care of a person or organisation keeping it for its historic and technical interest and not using it as everyday transport.

For those vehicles FIVA, upon application, will issue a FIVA Identity Card.



TOP 1:	LEGAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF HISTORIC VEHICLES
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- 1 = no legal definition
- 2 = definition upon common practice
- 3 = other legal sources other than EU customs-regulations
- 4 = lower legal level e.g. provincial law, governmental decrees
- 5 = national law

COUNTRY	1	2	3	4	5	REMARKS
	NONE	COMMON PRACTICE	OTHER SOURCES	GOV. DECREE	NATIONAL LAW	
A			Ä	Ä	Ä	
B			Ä	Ä		
CH				Ä	Ä	
CY					Ä	
CZ					Ä	
D				Ä	Ä	
DK					Ä	
E					Ä	
F			Ä		Ä	3: Code de la route, 5: Custom Code
GB					Ä	
GR	Ä	Ä				
H		Ä			Ä	
I					Ä	
IRL				Ä		
L					Ä	
MC					Ä	
N				Ä		
NL	Ä	Ä				
PL					Ä	
P	Ä	Ä				
S				Ä	Ä	
SF					Ä	
SK					Ä	
SLO					Ä	
AUS				Ä		varies in territories
BR	Ä		Ä			
HK	Ä	Ä				
J	Ä	Ä				

Remark on 3: Under EU customs regulations the general age limit for historic vehicles (collectors vehicles) is 30 years. This is not relevant for road use regulations.



TOP 2:

CRITERIA FOR LEGAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF HISTORIC VEHICLES

COUNTRY	1 AGE	2 RARENESS	3 ORIGINALITY	4 HISTORIC IMPORTANCE	5 OTHER	REMARKS
A	Ä		Ä			
B	Ä					
CH	Ä		Ä	Ä		
CY	Ä		Ä		Ä	as FIVA
CZ	Ä		Ä			
D	Ä					
DK	Ä					
E	Ä	Ä		Ä		2 + 4 special cases, 1 general
F	Ä					
GB	Ä					
GR	Ä		Ä		Ä	as FIVA
H	Ä		Ä		Ä	as FIVA for tax exemption
I	Ä			Ä		
IRL	Ä					
L	Ä					
MC	Ä					
N	Ä		Ä			
NL	Ä					
PL	Ä		Ä	Ä		
P	Ä		Ä			
S	Ä					
SF	Ä				Ä	as FIVA
SK	Ä		Ä		Ä	as FIVA
SLO	Ä		Ä			as FIVA
AUS	Ä					
BR		Ä	Ä	Ä		
HK	Ä					
J	Ä					



TOP 3:	MINIMAL AGE OF A VEHICLE TO BE RECOGNIZED AS HISTORIC
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COUNTRY	1 20 YEARS	2 25 YEARS	3 30 YEARS	4 30 + YEARS	5 FIXED DATE	REMARKS
A			Ä			
B		Ä	Ä			3: Util. + Milit. Veh.
CH			Ä			
CY		Ä				
CZ		Ä				
D			Ä			
DK				Ä		
E		Ä				
F		Ä	Ä			30 yrs. From Jan 1 st 2008
GB				Ä	Ä	
GR		Ä				
H			Ä			
I	Ä		Ä			
IRL			Ä			
L		Ä				
MC		Ä				
N			Ä			
NL		Ä				
PL		Ä				
P		Ä				
S		Ä				
SF		Ä	Ä			30 yrs. from 2008 on
SK		Ä				
SLO		Ä				
AUS		Ä	Ä			varies in territories
BR		Ä				
HK	Ä					
J			Ä			



TOP 4:	OTHER ITEMS APPLYING ESPECIALLY TO HISTORIC VEHICLES
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- 1= restrictions of road use
- 2= longer intervals of worthiness road tests
- 3= lower traffic taxes
- 4= lower insurance rates
- 5= special licenses plates

COUNTRY	1	2	3	4	5	REMARKS
	ROAD USE RESTRICTION	ROAD TESTS LONGER	TAXES LOWER	INSURANCE LOWER	SPECIAL REG.	
A	Ä	Ä		Ä		
B		Ä	Ä	Ä	Ä	Exempt from 2 if 5, then 1
CH		Ä		Ä		
CY	Ä		Ä		Ä	1 + 5: Veh. more than 40 yrs.
CZ	Ä			Ä		2: special tests
D	Ä	Ä	Ä	Ä	Ä	1 + 2 (exemption) if 5
DK	Ä	Ä	Ä	Ä	Ä	1 + 2 (exemption) if 5
E	Ä				Ä	
F	Ä	Ä	Ä	Ä		3: no tax
GB			Ä	Ä	Ä	3: Exemption
GR	Ä		Ä		Ä	1 + 2 (exemption) if 5
H			Ä	Ä		3: Exemption
I			Ä			
IRL		Ä	Ä	Ä		2: Exemption
L		Ä	Ä	Ä		2: Exemption
MC	Ä			Ä	Ä	
N		Ä	Ä	Ä		
NL			Ä	Ä	Ä	3: Exemption
PL		Ä		Ä	Ä	
P		Ä		Ä		2: Exemption before 31/12/59
S		Ä	Ä	Ä		3: Exemption
SF		Ä	Ä	Ä	Ä	3: tax exemption, 5: Individually, then 1
SK	Ä			Ä	Ä	1 if 5
SLO				Ä		
AUS		Ä	Ä	Ä	Ä	
BR			Ä		Ä	No taxes over 25 yrs.
HK				Ä	Ä	
J						