

Can I Still Drive an Imported Car While I Re-register it?

No, you cannot legally drive your imported car on public roads in Maine—or anywhere in the U.S.—if its registration has been cancelled or is not currently valid while you attempt to re-register it. Driving an unregistered vehicle is illegal and can result in your car being impounded or even seized, especially for imported vehicles that may not meet federal safety and emissions standards^[1].

If your car is only eligible for off-road use (such as being imported as a track car or farm vehicle), it cannot be legally driven on public roads at any time. Attempting to do so exposes you to significant legal risks, including the possibility of your car being seized and destroyed.

You must wait until your vehicle is properly registered and you have valid license plates before driving it on public roads. During the re-registration process, keep the car off public streets to avoid penalties.

1. https://www.reddit.com/r/Cartalk/comments/15mx2ev/can_you_import_cars_as_a_track_car_and_then/