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Subject: Fw: Eco rebate on new imported Prius

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From: "Komarynsky, Mary" <KOMARYM@tc.gc.ca>
To: <serge@bergeron.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2008 9:39 AM
Subject: Eco rebate on new imported Prius

Dear Mr. Bergeron,

Thank you for your email of January 19, 2008 expressing concern regarding the eligibility requirements of the ecoAUTO Rebate Program.

The ecoAuto Rebate Program is a discretionary funding initiative of the Government of Canada. The design elements and relevant eligibility criteria received Governor in Council approval on Sept 27, 2007. The program reflects the Government of Canada's policy decision to create financial incentives towards the purchase or lease of fuel efficient vehicles that meet specific fuel consumption criteria. Eligibility under the Program is indeed limited to vehicles purchased or leased in Canada as a matter of public policy.

While it is early in the Program, we are already seeing positive effects in the automobile industry, as some manufactures have retooled their 2008 model year vehicles to improve fuel efficiency to meet the fuel consumption thresholds of ecoAUTO. This has resulted in an increase from 21 to 32 vehicles configurations available in Canada which qualify under the Program.

Thank you again for taking the time to express your concerns, your comments will contribute to Transport Canada's perspective for future initiatives.

Sincerely,

Mary Komarynsky
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