
CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS REMOVAL

A. Documents Required

Nationals

- Airway bill / Bill of lading
- Passport
- Packing list

Foreigner

- Airway bill / Bill of lading
- Passport
- Packing list
- Letter of verification from employer
- Business registration certificate

B. Specific Regulations

Nationals

- Nationals who return to take up residence in Cambodia are entitled to duty-free import of used personal effects.
- Nationals who are not returning to take up residence may import household goods and personal effects into Cambodia, but will be subject to duty.
- The duty amount varies and is often subject to negotiation with the customs department; contact agent for more information.
- A copy of the passport is required to clear both air and sea shipments.

Foreigners

- Employer must be registered and issue a letter, on company letter head, stating that client is under contract for employment in Cambodia.
- Foreigners may import household goods and personal effects duty free with diplomatic status, employment with an NGO, or works for a private company that is registered with the Cambodian government.
- Foreigners may import motor vehicles only if they have diplomatic status or are employed by an NGO.
- Foreigners must obtain a letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs verifying diplomatic status or employment.
- Foreigners must request duty-free import privileges from customs authorities; contact agent for the required format for this letter.
- A copy of the passport is required to clear both air and sea shipments.



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MOTOR VEHICLES

A. Documents Required

- Airway bill / Bill of lading
- Passport
- Letter from Ministry of Foreign Affairs verifying diplomatic status or employment.

B. Specific Regulations

Nationals

- Automobiles must be left-hand drive.
- A returning Cambodian national may import a motor vehicle into Cambodia, but it will be subject to duty. The parameter outlined in the previous paragraph will also apply.

Foreigners

- Automobiles must be left-hand drive.
- Foreigners may import motor vehicles only if they have diplomatic status or are employed by an NGO.
- Foreigners who do not have diplomatic status or are employed by an NGO may import a motor vehicle into Cambodia, but it will be subject to duty.
- The duty is based on the type, age, and engine size of the vehicle.
- The clearance process for dutiable import takes approximately one or two weeks.
- The process for duty-free import is long and tedious, so there will likely be port storage of at least one month, the cost of which is approximately \$400.00.

PETS

A. Documents Required

- Current health certificate (no more than 7 days old)
- Current vaccination card

B. Specific Regulations

- Most pets, including dogs, cats, and birds, may be imported without a quarantine period.
- Check with agent prior to shipment for specific requirements and instructions.

CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Recommended: Once the shipment is booked, please fax your pre-alert to the agent office along with a copy of the airway bill / bill of lading, packing list, passport copy, and full contact details of the consignee. As consignment instructions change from time to time, it is prudent to reconfirm the advised consignment instructions prior to shipping particularly if the client will be importing as a diplomat.

Important: Check with agent prior to shipping for differences in air/sea consignment instructions.

Helpful Tips

- Mark the waybills very clearly “Used household goods and personal effects.”
- Pre-alert along with the copies of the waybill, packing list, and shipping schedule should be sent well in advance.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Alcohol
- Ammunition
- Firearms
- Food
- Medicine
- Pornographic material
- Short-wave radios
- Toy guns

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