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### **CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS**

#### **HOUSEHOLD GOODS REMOVAL**

##### **A. Documents Required**

- Copy of passport
- Airway bill / bill of lading / CMR
- Packing List
- Pro forma invoice with stated value of shipment

##### Foreign National

- Valid visa
- Letter from employer in Turkmenistan

##### Diplomat

- Valid visa
- Letter from the consignee's diplomatic organization or embassy
- Diplomatic card and/or diplomatic passport

##### **B. Specific Regulations**

- The original passport may be requested by Turkmen customs.
- The number of brand new goods must not be more than 5 for each kind of item.
- A commercial invoice is needed if commercial goods are being brought into Turkmenistan.
- Consignee must be present for the customs clearance process.
- Electronic/electrical appliances should be clearly marked on the packing list along with their serial numbers and manufacturer's names.
- The duty free import of used household goods is allowed only on a temporary import basis.
- A completed power of attorney should be provided to the local agent in Turkmenistan to facilitate the import.

##### Foreign National

- Consignee must be employed by a registered company in Turkmenistan.
- Consignees are permitted to import household goods and personal effects tax free on a temporary import basis until their tenure has finished and they are ready to export their household goods out of Turkmenistan.
- Foreign nationals are permitted to import a limited amount of foodstuff and other consumable items duty and tax free. Check with the local agent in Turkmenistan to determine the specific restrictions for each type of consumable.
- Although it is permitted, importing foodstuffs may delay customs clearance and result in unforeseen issues. As a result, it is not recommended.

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### Diplomat

- Employees of diplomatic mission (holders of a diplomatic passport) are exempt from paying customs duties or taxes.

### Citizen

- Citizens are not permitted to import household goods and personal effects on temporary import basis; therefore, they are liable to pay full tax and duties.

## **MOTOR VEHICLES**

### **A. Documents Required**

#### Temporary Import

- Customs Border Report
- Invoice or statement of vehicle's value
- Bill of lading / CMR
- Technical passport
- Statement by owner on company letterhead stating place of residence in Turkmenistan
- Copy of passport

#### Non-Temporary Import

- Customs declaration from the border
- Invoice or statement of vehicle's value
- Technical passport

### **B. Specific Regulations**

- Permanent import of automobiles and motorcycles are subject to the tax and duties as per the Turkmenistan customs tariff.
- The amount will depend on the characteristics of the automobile.
- The sale of temporarily imported vehicles is not permitted.
- Vehicles must be exported out of Turkmenistan at the end of a foreigner's tenure in Turkmenistan.

### ANTIQUES, ART EFFECTS, CARPETS, AND PAINTINGS

#### Specific Regulations

- There are no restrictions on what can be brought into Turkmenistan as long as any items are registered with Ministry of Culture of Turkmenistan. They will provide the registrant with a document verifying the presence of the item in Turkmenistan.
- When importing jewelry, art antiques and carpets, these items must be registered upon arrival into Turkmenistan.
- Precious jewelry, stones and currency can be imported only as accompanied baggage and must be declared with the customs at the airport.
- The declaration should be kept in the safe custody because it will be required for presentation to the customs authorities at the time of departure.
- Carpets, paintings, art effects and antiques in the shipment should be photographed.
- Duplicate photographs of each item should be sent agent prior to shipment by courier in order to acquire a customs endorsement on the back of each photograph at customs inspection of the shipment; this will help to avoid problems with customs authorities at the time of export of these items out of Turkmenistan.

#### PETS

##### A. Documents Required

- Veterinarian certificate
- Vaccination certificate

##### B. Specific Regulations

- There are no restrictions on what type of pets can be imported into Turkmenistan.
- The veterinarian certificate should include a history of vaccinations.
- Documents should be provided no less than 10 business days prior to pets' arrival.

#### Alcohol

- The allowance limit for the import of wine and spirits for personal consumption is 1 liter per person.
- Amounts exceeding the permitted limit will require payment of duties and taxes:
  - Excise duty: US \$ 1.00/- per liter
  - Customs duty: Up to 30 % of value
  - VAT: 15 % of value
  - Customs procedures duty: 0.2 % of value

#### Cigarettes

- The allowance limit for the import of cigarettes is 10 boxes per person.
- Amounts exceeding the permitted limit will require payment of duties and taxes.

### 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.

**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."
- Packing list should be in English or Russian.
- Do not attach the inventory list used for the insurance purposes with the documents enclosed with the shipment.
- A valued inventory for customs purposes should be attached to the documents enclosed with the shipment.
- Pre-alert along with the copies of waybill, packing list, valued inventory, and shipping schedule should be sent to agent by fax/email well in advance of shipment arrival.
- Items such as books, CDs, audio, and videotapes should not be mentioned on the packing list. However, if it is necessary to include these items on the packing list, make sure to list the name of the author, year of publication, and the topic of each item separately.

**Important:** Valued inventory list for items intended for temporary import should be descriptive, e.g., double-bed set, wardrobe, dining table with six chairs, and etc. Home electrical and electronic appliances should be very clearly labeled with serial numbers. It is also suggested to declare low value for items for temporary import.

**Note:** *Valued inventory lists are for customs purposes and do not have to be the same as used for insurance purposes. However, it is strictly advised not to enclose the list used for insurance purposes along with the shipping documents. It is advisable to under-declare the value of the goods in order to avoid unnecessary problems with local customs authorities.*

It is strongly recommended that all shipping documents be carefully prepared according to the instructions. This will help to avoid unnecessary delays and/or costly storage charges at destination.

### PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Weapons of all kinds
- Pornography
- Narcotics
- Toxic material
- Radioactive material

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**CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
FOR EXPORTS**

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS REMOVAL**

**A. Documents Required**

- Packing list
- Copy of passport
- Letter from employer

Diplomat

- Diplomatic card and/or diplomatic passport
- Letter from diplomatic organization in Turkmenistan

**B. Specific Regulations**

- Foreign nationals do not need to be present in Turkmenistan for the export clearance process.
- The exportation of personal effects requires a 5% charge of the customs value of the shipment.
- A veterinarian certificate issued by a Turkmenistan veterinarian is all that is required to export a pet.

**MOTOR VEHICLES**

**A. Documents Required**

- Pro forma invoice stating the value of the car
- Import customs declaration
- Technical passport
- Copy of owner's passport

**ANTIQUES, ART EFFECTS, CARPETS, AND PAINTINGS**

**Specific Regulations**

- Items registered upon arrival have no export restrictions and do not require an export permit.
- Other imported items must be shown to the Ministry of Culture of Turkmenistan for evaluation and permission for exportation.
- If the item is permitted for exportation, an export permit must be obtained.
- The export of carpets requires certification by the Ministry of Carpet (Turkmenhally).
- Antiques are defined on a case by case basis and the final decision is made by the Ministry of Culture.

### PROHIBITED ITEMS

- The export of antiques, such as carpets, paintings, books, icons or any other items which is considered to be of Turkmen cultural and historical value.

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