
CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS REMOVAL

A. Documents Required

Foreign Diplomat / Worker for Registered Aid Organization

- Original airway bill / bill of lading
- Original passport
- Original packing list
- Investment license
- Business license
- Letter from Employer

Non-Diplomat / Returning National

- Original airway bill / bill of lading
- Original passport
- Original packing list
- Investment license
- Business license

B. Specific Regulations

- While the shipper does not have to be in Nepal at the time of clearance, photocopies of passport along with the above documents are needed prior to shipment arrival.
- Original bills of lading are required by Nepal customs, please send by courier to our Kathmandu office prior to vessel arrival at Kolkata port.

Foreign Diplomat / Worker for Registered Aid Organization

- A foreigner may import used household goods and personal effects into Nepal duty free if he or she has diplomatic status or works for a registered aid organization.
- The shipper's employer must provide agent with an official letter verifying his/her employment status and authorizing agent to handle the shipment on their behalf. Contact agent for standard format for this letter.
- If criteria are met, only one sea and one air shipment are permitted duty free.

Non-Diplomat / Returning National

- Nepalese citizens returning from abroad can import used household goods but they will be subject to duty and tax.

MOTOR VEHICLES (AUTOS AND MOTORBIKES)

A. Documents Required

Foreign Diplomat / Worker for Registered Aid Organization

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

Non-Diplomat / Returning National

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

B. Specific Regulations

Foreign Diplomat / Worker for Registered Aid Organization

- Foreign diplomats may import a vehicle into Nepal duty free.

Non-Diplomat / Returning National

- Check with agent before shipping to ensure consignee has the necessary permits to import.
- Duties may be assessed and are based on the type, age and engine size of the vehicle.

PETS AND ANIMALS

A. Documents Required

- Current health certificate (not more than 7 days old)
- Current vaccination card

B. Specific Regulations

- Most pets, including dogs, cats, and birds, can be brought into Nepal with no quarantine period.
- Documents are necessary at import.

CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS AND PORT INFORMATION

- As sea shipments first enter India before being transported in-bond to Nepal, please ensure that the bill of lading shows "In-transit to Kathmandu, Nepal via Kolkata, India".
- For FCL shipment, please ensure that your carrier will provide 21 days free time with the container. Agents normally require 15-20 days for clearance, linehaul to Kathmandu and return of empty container to Kolkata port.
- Normally, container detention charges from the ocean carrier will be billed back to either the origin agent or the shipper.

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.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Ammunition
- Firearms
- Pornographic material

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