
CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS REMOVAL

A. Documents Required

- Airway bill / original bill of lading
- Original passport
- Packing list

Non-diplomat

- Transfer of residence certificate
- Visa valid for no less than 2 years
- Employment certificate

Diplomat

- Exemption certificate issued from Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Pakistan
- Authority letter issued by diplomatic organization in Pakistan

Citizen

- Transfer of residence letter (for duty-free importation)

B. Specific Regulations

- Transferees must be present at customs clearance.

Non-diplomat

- May import household goods and personal effects duty free subject to presenting a visa valid for no less than 2 years, an employment certificate, and a transfer of residence certificate.

Privileged Person

- Duty-free import depends upon the agreement between the employer and government of Pakistan.
 - United Nations missions, non-governmental organizations, and multinational corporations contracted in Pakistan may have agreements with the government for the free import of household goods and personal effects of their employees.
- Check with agent prior to shipping regarding duty-free importation.

Diplomat

- May household goods and personal effects duty free.

Pakistan

- Exemption certificate issued from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Pakistan is required to import goods duty free.

Citizen

- May import used household goods and personal effect duty free subject to the length of stay abroad.
- Must obtain a Transfer of residence letter from the local customs authority verifying the duration of stay abroad for duty-free importation.

MOTOR VEHICLES

A. Documents Required

- Goods declaration form
- Invoice of purchase displaying engine number, make, model, and horsepower
- Certificate of title
- Valid driver's license
- Exemption certificate from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad, Pakistan (Diplomatic shipments)
- Authority letters (contact agent for details)

B. Specific Regulations

- Duty-free entry for diplomats and privileged persons.

Citizen

- May import motor vehicles less than 3 years old.
- Duties and taxes are assessed on the engine power of the vehicle.

PETS

A. Documents Required

- Health and vaccination certificates issued by appropriate authorities at origin.
- Passport of owner
- Quarantine certificate issued by the Government of Pakistan
- Copy of airway bill

B. Specific Regulations

- Immediate clearance on arrival with presentation of documents above.
- The process should commence no less than 48 hours prior to the arrival of the flight.

Pakistan

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Motor vehicles
- Electronic items are subject to duties between 15% and 25% of declared value, but amount may be reduced based upon length of stay abroad.

CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Important: Contact destination agent in Pakistan prior to export to obtain updated consignment instructions and confirm the customs status of the importer.

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.

Helpful Tips

- Mark the waybills very clearly “Used household goods and personal effects.”
- Packing list should be in English or Urdu.
- Do not attach the inventory list used for the insurance purposes with the documents enclosed with the shipment.
- Pre-alert along with the copies of waybill, packing list, and shipping schedule should be sent to agent well in advance of shipment arrival.
- Name of consignee must appear exactly as in passport.

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

- Alcohol
- Firearms and ammunition
- Literature derogatory of Islam or Pakistan
- Narcotics
- Pornographic material
- Telecommunications equipment
- All goods of Israeli origin

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