
CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS REMOVAL

A. Documents Required

Expatriate

- Passport
- Airway bill / Bill of lading
- Packing list
- Work / Residence permit
- Statutory declaration

Diplomat

- Passport
- Airway bill / Bill of lading
- Packing list
- Duty free certificate

B. Specific Regulations

- Personal effects should never be mixed with commercial goods.
- All shipments must be ISPM15 compliant. Additional quarantine charges might apply if shipments aren't compliant.
- All shipments are inspected by both Customs and Quarantine Department.
- All shipments take time to clear and demurrage is inevitable.
- Depending of the shipment it might need to be offloaded into bonded warehouse in the port area. High bonded warehouse/handling charges apply and are generally excluded in rates.
- Quarantine charges are also generally excluded from rates and are billed separately at cost plus 10%.
- Shipments can only be released after both Customs and Quarantine have approved release.
- Shipments will be inspected separately by both departments at a time of their choosing.
- For any shipper that does not fulfill these criteria the entire shipment will be subject to import duty at varying rates.

Expatriate

- Expatriates must be working for a registered company and hold a valid work/residence permit.
- One air and one sea shipment only can be imported duty free but duty will be levied on new items or items deemed in excessive quantities for personal needs.
- Shipments ought to arrive within three months of work/residence permit being issued.
- Shipper is required to in person sign a Statutory Declaration in front of a Commissioner of Oaths in Papua New Guinea.

Papua New Guinea

- Any new items must be declared and will be dutiable.

Diplomat

- Diplomats require duty free certificate issued by Ministry of Foreign Affairs whilst UN/NGO/AID employees require duty free certificate issued by their sponsor government department.
- Demurrage is very likely.

MOTOR VEHICLES (AUTOS AND MOTORBIKES)

A. Specific Regulations

- Generally only diplomats can import duty free but under certain circumstances individuals can import but the procedure is lengthy and complicated.
- Cars are complicated to import.
- Check with agent before shipping.

PETS AND ANIMALS

A. Specific Regulations

- Pets are very difficult to import.
- Contact agent for more details.

CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS AND PORT INFORMATION

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

- Agricultural products
- Fireworks
- Gambling instruments
- Narcotics
- Pornography
- Subversive or offensive literature

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