

# United States Via Seattle

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**Ports:** Seattle, Washington  
**Prohibited:** Drugs, Firearms, Explosives, Plants, Fruits  
**Cont:** None

## Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

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**Required Documents:** (1) Separate specific inventory of alcohol being imported (2) Specific details on alcoholic: kind of alcohol, alcoholic content, age of alcohol, value, when purchased  
**Customs Regulations:** Subject to various duties at port of entry depending on type of alcohol imported.  
**Clearance:** 4 to 5 days. Customer presence required for clearance? No  
**Remarks:** Must have all info. regarding alcohol at least 3 days before shipment arrives.

## Diplomatic Removals

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**Required Documents:** (1) US Customs Form 3299 (2) Inventory (3) Diplomatic clearances must be requested through US Consulate and US State Dept. and be so stipulated on OBL or AWB. Copy must be submitted by Foreign Embassy to US State Dept. for approval prior to arrival of vessel in US.  
**Customs Regulations:** US Customs has right of inspection but no duties or confiscation apply if valid diplomatic privileges have been granted by US State Dept.  
**Clearance:** If approved by US State Dept, no delay if Foreign Embassy has submitted requests/copies of OBL/AWB at least 1wk prior to arrival. Customer presence required for clearance? No  
**Remarks:** Requests for Diplomatic privileges should be made at origin through US Consulate and/or agreed by them.

## Firearms and Weapons

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**Required Documents:** (1) Proof of ownership (2) Various registration certificates/ licenses (3) If weapon was originally purchased or owned by shipper in US proof of sale and date of sale required  
**Customs Regulations:** Various federal and state regulations make dealing through a licensed weapons broker essential. Automatic small arms and heavy weapons are prohibited  
**Clearance:** At least one week. Customer presence required for clearance? may  
**Remarks:** Must have proper documents at least 3 days before shipment arrives

## Household Goods and Personal Effects

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**Required Documents:** (1) US Customs Form 3299 (2) OBL or AWB (3) Inventory of Household Goods  
**Customs Regulations:** Used household goods are duty free if they have been in the owner's possession and utilization for at list one full year and are for owner's continued use in USA.  
**Clearance:** Free entry clearance 3 to 4 days after ship arrives in port. Customer presence required for clearance? No  
**Remarks:** Must have required documents at least 3 days before ship arrives. Form 3299 must be completed prior to shipping overseas and must accompany shipping documents.

## New Furniture

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**Required Documents:** (1) Inventory (2) Sales invoices indicating price of items, date and year of purchase, and place of purchase.

**Customs Regulations:** Items purchased within one year of import are subject to customs duties.

**Clearance:** 4 to 5 days. Customer presence required for clearance? No

**Remarks:** Must have required documents at least 3 days before shipment arrives

## Pets and Animals

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**Required Documents:** (1) Proof of inoculation (2) Need export and import permit for endangered species (i.e.: certain birds)

**Customs Regulations:** Animals may be subject to quarantine by US Dept. of Agriculture. Endangered species and 'exotic' animals can inhibit importation.

**Clearance:** Depends on type of animal being imported. Customer presence required for clearance? Yes

**Remarks:** Check with US Customs and agriculture at port of entry regarding any inoculations/quarantines and/or restrictions

## Valuables

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**Required Documents:** (1) Proof of ownership and date of purchase and purchase price or evaluation (2) Sales receipts

**Customs Regulations:** Varies depending on items

**Clearance:** Depends on item being imported. Customer presence required for clearance? No

**Remarks:** Valuables such as jewelry should be hand carried by owner. Recommend antiques and paintings be evaluated prior to shipping

## Vehicles

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**Required Documents:** (1) DOT/EPA Form to be completed and signed by owner (2) Must have vehicle plate indicating compliance with US emission standards and safety standards (3) Proof of ownership

**Customs Regulations:** Return of US autos are duty free if owner can supply copy of bill of sale in Us and prove no modifications have been made to vehicle.

**Clearance:** 1 to 2 weeks. Customer presence required for clearance? may

**Remarks:** Failure to meet US Emission standards can lead to cost prohibitive conversion costs as well as bonding/detention expenses

## notes

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**Required Documents:**

**Customs Regulations:**

**Clearance:**

**Remarks:** Shippers should be cautioned about random Customs inspections at U.S. ports, which can result in fees from \$300 to \$1,000 if all necessary clearance and documentation procedures have not been followed.

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