



Philippines

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

GENERAL PROCEDURE

Household and personal effects are dutiable. However, there is a provision for conditional exemption from duty which is accorded to certain categories of shippers: working foreigners, Diplomatie and US AIS, UN and similar staff.

Returning Philippine resident also receive limited exemption.

SHIPPING DOCUMENTS NEEDED (FOR ALL SHIPPERS)

Ocean Bill of lading or Air Waybill

Inventory (in English)

PERSONAL DOCUMENTS NEEDED

WORKING FOREIGNERS

Original Passport of working foreigner (needed for few workdays)

Visa (obtained after shipper's arrival and needed for sea shipment and affidavit of Legal Ownership)

OR

Visa application letter copy from employer to Bureau of Immigration and Deportation (BID) and

the Re-Export Bond Affidavit. A Certification of Employment on Company letterhead is sufficient for small airfreight only.

Authorization to Destination agent

Imported goods should have been owned and in use at least 6 months before entry. The shipment

should also arrive in the Philippines within 60 days of owner's arrival. Brand new appliances or what might be construed as "commercial quantities" in a shipment are discouraged. Customs clearance usually takes 1 - 3 workdays for airfreight and 7 - 10 workdays for surface freight once

all personal and shipping documents are available.

Foreign visa holders, (except "Diplomatie" and Filipino returning residents), with a shipment which arrives before visa approval, must post a Re-Export Bond for the conditional release of the shipment.



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DIPLOMATIC, UN, FOREIGN AID

Copy of passport and authorization to Destination agent are needed.

Shippers are exempted from duty and, in the case of Diplomats, from physical inspection of the

goods. The Embassy concerned needs the shipping documents in order to apply for "free-entry"

to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).

The processing times can vary and it is the Embassy's responsibility to follow up with DFA.

Once completed, the Destination agent receives a copy of the "free-entry" and can proceed with

the release of cargo, which usually takes 2 - 3 workdays.

VEHICLES

Prior to shipping, Authority/Clearance to import must be acquired to avoid seizure/penalty.

Currently, only returning residents and Diplomats are allowed this permission. An import

permit can be processed through the Bureau of Import Services, Department of Trade, Manila.

Personal documents are required plus Import Authority, stencils of chassis/engine numbers,

Commercial Invoice or Deed of Sale, Car registration certificate and separate OBL (if vehicle is

shipped in the Container as the household goods).

PETS

Pets are dutiable. Prior to the importation must secure Import Permit from Bureau of Animal Industry (Manila). To get this, the client must provide the following Information: Kind of pet,

Breed Name, Name of Pet, Name of Owner, Gender, Colour, Tentative flight details/arrival

Information, copies of health and vaccination certificates, contact fax of agent or person

handling the export formalities overseas.

PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED GOODS

Firearms, ammunition and explosives (unless licensed in advance), obscene literature, photographs or films, politically "undesirable" literature, prohibited drugs, misbranded and

adulterated drugs and foodstuffs, gambling machines and paraphernalia, transceivers.

Important: This Information is intended for general guidance only. We cannot however take responsibility for any errors or omissions or for any loss or damage that may occur from its use. As such it is advisable to contact the nearest customs office for full and current Information prior to importation.

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