



## Thailand

### CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

Household goods and personal effects essentially fall into two categories:

#### 1. EXEMPT FROM DUTY:

##### A) DIPLOMATIC:

Please note documentation processing for diplomatic shipments takes approximately 10 days by the respective embassy. It is therefore necessary for us to receive all documentation as early as possible prior to shipment arrival in order for us to check and pass to embassy.

##### B) 1 YEAR WORK PERMIT:

Only a full 1 year work permit will be considered for duty exemption. No other work permit will be considered. Original permit must be presented to Customs for inspection. Bond facility is not available pending issuance of work permit.

##### C) RETURNING THAI:

Only Thais who have been overseas for a full year or more will be considered. Too frequent travelling back and forth can cause problems should Customs deem the owner to have not been permanently based in origin country.

##### D) RETIREES:

Do not automatically qualify for any duty free - please consult with our office prior to shipment for advice.

**FURTHERMORE**, the following restrictions must always be met for B&C above or the entire shipment will be classified as non-exempt:

Shipment must originate from same country as owner's last place of residence or place of work.

Shipment must arrive in Thailand not earlier than 1 month prior to owner's arrival/return to Thailand.

6 months after owner's arrival/return to Thailand.

Only 1 of each electrical item is allowed (e.g. if owner has 3 refrigerators, full duty will be assessed on the two more expensive units).

Only goods used over 6 months are eligible for duty exemption. New goods are subject to full duty.

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## Internationale Qualitätsumzüge

### 2. NON-EXEMPT FROM DUTY:

High duties are placed on all goods not conforming with section 1 above. Particularly high duties apply to carpets and luxury goods.

Note: Prohibited articles include firearms, ammunition, pornographic literature, short-wave radios, medical equipment, gold and silver.

Note: Items "NOT EXEMPTED" from duties include musical instruments, sports equipment, some childrens toys, more than one major appliances, carpets, luxury goods.

Note: For all inbound shipments (except diplomatic) we must have clients actual passport for clearance. With all documentation in order, clearance typically takes 3-5 working days.

Note: Always contact your removal Company in advance if there is any doubt and to fax them a copy of packing list should owner/agent wish to have any possible problem items determined / assessed.

**Note:** Any costs incurred as a result of our not having the proper documentation prior to the shipments arrival will be billed back to the origin agent.

Personal and household effects may be imported duty free in respect provided certain criteria are met. Shippers without duty free Status can still import subject to payment of duties and taxes. Shipments must arrive no later than six months after the arrival of the importer, to qualify for duty free Status.

Persons possessing a one year non-immigrant visa with a valid work permit at the time shipment is imported can import one sea and one air shipment of used household goods duty free from country of last residence.

Returning Thai residents having stayed abroad for more than 12 months can import one air and one sea shipment of used household goods duty free.

Citizens other than Thai nationals, on change of domicile if holding a Thai resident visa can also import from country of last residence one air and one sea shipment of used household goods duty free (providing that they have been abroad for more than 12 months).

Persons under diplomatic passport, Thai Government recognised AID organisations & Board of

Investment, who are allowed to stay in Thailand for a certain period (usually one - two years) can also import one air and one sea shipment of used household goods duty free.

### AUTOMOBILES

If the automobile does not belong to a diplomat, it is very difficult to bring in. Please fax more details to your removal Company.

### PETS

All pets require vaccination valid for 1 year and health certificates. There is no quarantine.

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## Documents required

- Copies of the inventory.
- Ocean bill of lading.
- The shipper's original passport.

## Consignment

All non diplomatic shipments must be consigned to: Shipper's full name (as in passport) C/O destination agent (name with completed address)

Diplomatic shipments must be consigned to the shipper's name (as in passport) c/o their embassy mission, or Organisation.

■ All shipments must be marked on the ocean bills of lading or air waybills as "Used Personal Effects". Do not declare as household effects or household goods. Failure to follow above Instructions may cause serious customs delays and result in higher import fees for the shipper.

Please note that due to the very narrow and congested streets in Bangkok it is very difficult to move 40' Containers to shippers' residences. While 20' Containers can be delivered to some residences it is advisable to avoid loose packing the Containers. It is recommended to pack all goods into wooden lift vans. This ensures that the goods can be brought directly to the residence without re-handling.

## PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED GOODS

Firearms, ammunition, pornographic literature and short-wave radios are prohibited. For non diplomatic automobiles and motorcycles the shipper must obtain approval from the Ministry of Commerce prior to his forwarding the vehicles from origin, this import permit is not normally granted to foreigners. Heavy import taxes are placed on automobiles, under 2,400 CC 213% CIF, under 3000 CC 251% CIF and from 3000 CC 308% CIF. Automobiles & Motorcycles.

**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.**