



United States of America

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

Household Goods and Personal effects

Used household goods are admitted duty free if they have been in the owner's possession for 12 months prior to importation to the U.S.A. Items purchased abroad within the last twelve months are considered dutiable. U.S. Customs will not allow clearance of household goods prior to owner's arrival date.

Documents required

Completed and signed US Customs and Border Protection Form CBP 3299 (10/95) and Supplemental. Signed U.S. Customs Power of Attorney. Inventory in English. Photocopies of passport photo page. Copies of original ocean bill of lading or air waybill. Photocopy of Visa

Additional Requirements for Non-residents & People Immigrating

Passport Number
Visa Number
Type of Visa (Working Visa, Student Visa; or other)
Country of Issuance
Date of Issuance
Date of Expiration
I-94 Form (If applicable)

Alcohol

The shipping of alcoholic beverages is highly discouraged. When included in a household goods shipment the transferee must provide authorities (Food and Drug Administration) advance notice by completing a Prior Notice. For additional Information go to the following Website: <http://www.fda.gov/oc/bioterrorism/bioact.html> The following Information is needed:

Number of Bottles/Cans Type
Common Name
Manufacturer & Address
Volume per Bottle/Can
Vintage of Wine
Alcohol Content
Value Per Bottle

Antiques

Antiques 100 years old or older can be imported duty free if the transferee has a certificate of antiquity in English as proof for Customs.

Documents required



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Internationale Qualitätsumzüge

Statement signed by importer stating either, "For personal use - not for resale," or "For resale."
Supplier's invoice showing description, value and circa date.
Detailed packing list - Must be able to match items on invoice with packing list.

Arms/Ammunition

Owner bringing in firearms previously exported must have proof of purchase and export from the U.S. If not, do not include firearms in the shipment, as it will delay the entire shipment. A permit obtained 6 weeks in advance is required from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Vehicles

Vehicles are subject to duty and State taxes unless they were previously exported from the U.S. provided that the transferee has proof of exportation and/or proof auto was originally manufactured and sold in the U.S. Vehicles being imported must conform to U.S. safety and emissions regulations although vehicles over 25 years old may be excluded from the regulations. All autos must undergo testing for compliance. Vehicles which do not pass emissions testing will be taken to approved sites for modifications at the owner's expense. The cost to have the car brought up to Standards after importation is exorbitant and additionally there will be bond fees or cash deposit.

Inherited Goods

A copy of the death certificate must be provided.
Inventory.
Cost of each item.

Pets

Dogs and cats are not required to stay in quarantine when they enter the US. except for Hawaii where there is a six month quarantine requirement. All pets must have a valid health certificate from a veterinary surgeon and have proof of vaccination against rabies. Some birds are required to stay in quarantine. Animals should be declared as "pets" having no commercial value.

PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED GOODS

Products of endangered species (i.e. ivory, animal hides, etc.), plant and animal products (i.e. perishable foodstuffs), narcotics, drugs without prescriptions, automobiles that do not meet US safety and emission Standards, and flammable materials. The importation of firearms is highly restricted in the U.S. The shipping of alcoholic beverages and food is highly discouraged because of the Bioterrorism Act of 2002. When either is included in a household goods shipment the transferee must provide authorities (Food and Drug Administration) advance notice by completing a Prior Notice. For additional Information go to the following Website: <http://www.fda.gov/oc/bioterrohsm/bioact.html>

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