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UNITED STATES



DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- Passport (copy) showing personal data and photo page
- Visa (copy)
- Customs Form 3299 "Declaration for Free Entry of Unaccompanied Articles"
- Supplement Declaration for Unaccompanied Personal and Household Effects
- Power of Attorney Form authorizing Destination Agent to act on Customer's behalf in liaisons with U.S. Customs
- Inventory in English (detailed, PBO "packed by owner" and misc. "miscellaneous" not acceptable)

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

- Shipment must clear at first port of arrival unless arrangements have been made to move shipment in-bound to a port of entry
- Used household goods and personal effects can be imported duty-free:
 - If items purchased abroad are not for resale or for use by another person, and have been in owner's possession for at least one year
 - Professional equipment which was owned and used abroad is also generally duty-free

DUTIABLE/RESTRICTED ITEMS

- New items (less than one year old), inheritance items, and gifts are dutiable
- Sales receipts may be required on new items
- Antiques (Certificate of Authenticity is required)
- Medicine
 - must be properly identified
 - must not exceed normal quantities required by an individual with a health problem
 - must have either a prescription or written statement from doctor stating that the medicine is required for physical well-being
- Biological materials of public health or of veterinary importance require an Import Permit

- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
 - Strongly recommend not shipping with household goods
 - FEDERAL, STATE and LOCAL REGULATIONS, DUTIES and TAXES apply
 - Certain ports are "Dry Ports" and alcohol cannot be imported at that location; alcohol is not permitted in those states
 - All cartons containing alcoholic beverages should be loaded together, clearly marked on the inventory and be easily accessible for inspection
 - Customer must provide name, quantity, size of bottle, alcohol content , value per bottle, and date purchased
- **RESTRICTED ITEMS IN SHIPMENT WILL CAUSE DELAYS AND ADDITIONAL CHARGES WHICH WILL BE BILLED TO CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNT.**

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Liquor filled candy
- Lottery tickets
- Narcotics and dangerous drugs (violation will result in severe penalties)
- Obscene or pornographic material
- Unlawful or treasonable material
- Hazardous articles (e.g. fireworks, combustible, corrosive, flammable or explosive items and toxic or poisonous substances)
- Switch blade knives
- Pirated books or articles (e.g. cassettes and computer programs) will be confiscated and destroyed
- Foodstuff is strictly controlled and subject to inspection and confiscation by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- Firearms and ammunition (automatic and heavy military weapons are strictly prohibited)
 - Subject to many restrictions
 - Import Permit obtainable and issued by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF)
 - Proof of ownership
 - Registration, certificates and licenses required and vary according to the type of firearm, the immigration status of the owner, the destination and port of entry
 - If weapon was originally purchased or owned by Customer in the U.S. , proof of sale and date of sale required
 - Animals or plants (e.g. furs, skins, ivory tusks, tortoise shells, wood carvings, etc.) subject to the U.S. Endangered Species Act

MOTOR VEHICLES

- Automobiles are subject to import duties and taxes
- Autos previously exported from the U.S. may be imported duty-free provided the customer can supply the export Ocean Bill of Lading and can prove that no modifications have been made to the auto since exporting from the U.S.
- All automobiles imported must meet both the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) requirements--If required conversions are not performed in the country of origin, Customer must post a sizable bond (approximately 50% of the value of the auto) in order to have the necessary conversions performed in the U.S.
- Information on emission standards can be obtained from the EPA
- All costs for exam, testing or modifications of auto are payable by the Customer
- Make, model and year of auto must be provided
- Documents required:
 - EPA Form 3520-1
 - Purchase Invoice
 - Title
 - Copy of Drivers License (if applicable)

PETS

- There are strict controls, restrictions, and prohibitions on the importation of animals, which is regulated by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and U.S. Public Health Service
- A minimum of seven days notification prior to arrival is required in order to make necessary arrangements
- Import regulations for pets may include the following, depending on the country of origin:
 - Original Certificate of rabies vaccination showing proof that the vaccination was administered more than 30 days prior to the flight, but not more than 180 days
 - Health Certificate from a veterinarian must be issued within 15 to 10 days prior to animals departure
 - Dogs and cats are not normally quarantined, but birds require 30 days quarantine and an Import Permit