



# Importing Personal Property Into Singapore

## HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

### CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

#### Customs Regulations:

- CUSTOMER'S PRESENCE IN SINGAPORE MAY BE REQUIRED FOR CLEARANCE
- Household goods and personal effects must arrive within six months of Customer
- Used household goods and personal effects are duty-free if possessions have been used for at least six months abroad, are for the continued use of the owner for at least three months, and Customer is to reside in Singapore for more than 12 months
- All shipments 100% inspected, each carton opened
- Only one AIR and one SURFACE shipment allowed

#### Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Residence Permit
- ✓ Declaration of Facts Completed at origin and sent to the service agent 5 – 7 working days prior to customers arrival to obtain 7% GST waiver
- ✓ Copy of letter applying for Residence Permit
- ✓ Copy of acknowledgement card from Immigration
- ✓ Letter from customers employer stating assignment and length of stay to be addressed

#### Returning Singaporean Citizens and Diplomats

##### Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport copy
- ✓ Proof of Stay – Student pass, visa, tenancy agreement or utility bill.  
Must have lived abroad for more than 6 months
- ✓ Declaration of Facts – Completed at origin and sent to the service agent 5 – 7 working days prior to customers arrival

### RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

Wine, Liquor and Tobacco products are subject to scrutiny, high duty and taxes and are strongly discouraged. If included, must be packed together declared to Customs. Include itemized list stating brand, number of bottles, and litres. No permit required if part of household goods and in reasonable quantity. Please check with your service agent for any changes before including in the shipment.

Liquor	SG \$30.00 per litre + GST	Cigarettes, cigars & tobacco
Still Wine	SG \$9.50 per litre + GST	SG \$352.00 per kilo + GST
Sparkling Wine	SG \$13.00 per litre + GST	
Beer	SG\$3.60 per litre + GST	

- ✓ New items – subject to duty (supply invoices)
- ✓ Only one of each major appliance is allowed duty free

- ✓ CD's, DVD's, VCD's, audio tapes and books are subject to censorship. Censorship fee is approximately \$6.50 per hr. Provide a detailed list of titles and authors grouped into categories: Ballet, Jazz, Sports, documentary etc. Children's videos and recordings of family are exempt
- ✓ Books and magazines examined randomly
- ✓ Antiques are duty-free but require detailed description and certificate of antiquity
- ✓ Medicines (prescription required)
- ✓ Certain stuffed birds, animals and agricultural products require an import license

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ **Firearms & Ammunition of any kind including Firecrackers – violation is punishable by death**
- ✓ Controlled drugs and Psychotropic Substances
- ✓ Obscene articles, publications, videos & software
- ✓ Reproduction of copyright publications & videos
- ✓ Seditious & treasonable materials
- ✓ Cigarette lighters of pistol or revolver shape
- ✓ Chewing tobacco & imitation tobacco products
- ✓ Chewing gum Toy coins & toy currency notes
- ✓ Live or stuffed animals on Endangered species list

## IMPORTATION OF PETS

Importation of pets is allowed with an import license. Pets/exotic animals are subject to quarantine for thirty (30) days unless they are being imported from the United Kingdom, Ireland, New Zealand, and Australia. Applications for exotic pets/ endangered species are strictly scrutinized. Pets/Animals arriving without an import license are subject to immediate re-export or being destroyed. The following documents must be presented for the importation of pets

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Import License
- ✓ Certificate of Health by government or private vet from country of export dated not earlier than 7 days from day of export
- ✓ Vaccination Records given at least 2 weeks before but less than 1 year prior to entry including proof of flea and tick vaccines and de worming.

## IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Importation of vehicles are discouraged due to high duties and registration fees. Boats are duty-free but must be for the owner's use not for re-sale. Must be registered in customer's name and not for re-sale. Dismantled vehicles are not permitted. Left hand drive vehicles and vehicles over 3 yrs old are prohibited

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Original commercial invoice
- ✓ Manufacturer's letter confirming automobile manufacture date
- ✓ Insurance papers
- ✓ Certificate of Compliance from Exhaust Emission Control Standard
- ✓ Vehicle Registration
- ✓ Owner's Passport
- ✓ Inward Declaration Permit
- ✓ Customs duty payment receipt
- ✓ Temporary Certificate of Entitlement

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