



Importing Personal Property Into TURKEY

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

DUTY-FREE ENTRY IS PERMITTED IF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:

- Household goods/personal effects are used and for shipper's personal use.
- Shipper has a valid work visa for employment.
- Goods will not be sold, assigned, or given away to a third party.
- Turkish citizens must have lived abroad for a continuous period of at least 2 years in order to import goods they obtained outside of Turkey.

Notes:

- Turkish citizens must be present for customs clearance.
- Household goods must arrive in Turkey between 2 months prior to and 6 months following the shipper's arrival in Turkey.
- Used appliances should not be packed in their original cartons or boxes, as they will be considered new.
- Turkish citizens will pay PTT tax on video recorders, stereos, televisions, and radios.

Required Documents for Foreigners:

- ✓ Passport with valid entry stamp
- ✓ Residence Permit, which can be obtained from local police in Turkey
- ✓ Work Permit from Treasury Department
- ✓ Work Visa from Turkish Consulate
- ✓ Application letter
- ✓ Detailed inventory that lists the brand names, models, and serial numbers for all electrical appliances
- ✓ Bank guarantee letter
- ✓ Letter of guarantee issued by the shipper's Turkish employer
- ✓ Letter authorizing the destination agent to clear the shipment through customs

Required Documents for Turkish Citizens:

- ✓ Valid Passport for shipper and spouse, if applicable
- ✓ Descriptive inventory
- ✓ Letter authorizing the destination agent to clear the shipment through customs
- ✓ Turkish Marriage License, if applicable
- ✓ Turkish Tax ID card
- ✓ *Nufus Kayit Ornegi*
- ✓ *Ikametgah Nakil Belgesi* from Turkish embassy in origin country

DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS

- The shipper's embassy should get an approved letter from the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A special Import License, or *TAKRIR*, is prepared by the Embassy and sealed by the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- *TAKRIR* is required for the import of motor vehicles over 3 years old. Invoice or previous registration paperwork is required.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Detailed inventory showing brand name and serial numbers of all electrical appliances
- ✓ Residence permit

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Firearms, weapons, and ammunition
- Narcotics and drugs
- Explosives
- Pornography

RESTRICTED ITEMS

- All consumable goods such as foodstuffs, toilet paper, etc. are subject to high taxes and duties.
- Electrical goods should be compatible with the number of family members in the household. Duplicate electrical items are dutiable up to 15-17% of sales value in Turkey.
- To import plants, fresh fruits, and vegetables, a phytosanitary certificate is required. These items must also be listed on the inventory.
- Prescription medications, in reasonable amounts, must have prior authorization from the Turkish Ministry of Health and Agriculture.
- Alcoholic beverages are limited to 5 1-liter bottles, or 7 0.7-liter bottles
- Tobacco is limited to 1 kg tobacco or 10 cartons of cigarettes
- Perfume
- Fax machines and telecommunications equipment

MOTOR VEHICLES

- All automobiles are subject to import and customs duties. Foreigners may be able to avoid paying taxes and import duty if a *Guarantee Letter* is provided.
- The shipper must be present for the customs clearance of vehicles.
- The automobile must arrive between 2 months prior to and 6 months after the shipper's arrival.
- There are restrictions on importing vehicles older than 3 years old.
- When shipping household goods and a vehicle in the same container, the household goods will not be released until the vehicle has cleared customs.
- No minibuses, regardless of make and origin, may be imported into Turkey, even on a temporary basis.
- **Returning Turkish citizens** must have lived abroad for at least 2 years and be in Turkey to personally sign the import declarations. The motor vehicle must have been purchased at least 6 months prior to importation and be less than 3 years old.

Required Documents for Motor Vehicles:

- ✓ Ocean Bill of Lading or Air Waybill
- ✓ Shipper's Passport (If Returning Turkish Citizen is married, the shipper's and spouse's Passports are required.)
- ✓ Resident Permit
- ✓ Work Permit
- ✓ Purchase Invoice
- ✓ Letter of guarantee from the shipper's employer, a bank guarantee, or cash deposit for duties and taxes
- ✓ "Carnet de Passage"
- ✓ Registration
- ✓ Black book (motor and chassis number)
- ✓ Original title
- ✓ Proof of insurance
- ✓ Bank letter guaranteeing an amount calculated by the Turkish Automobile Association ("Turing") according to the engine size, age, and curbside weight. Guarantee value will not exceed value of the car.

DOGS AND CATS

- Pets must have the appropriate documentation to enter Turkey. See below, *Required Documents*.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Rabies vaccination certificate issued no later than 15 days prior to entry into Turkey
- ✓ Form 7001: "United States Interstate and International Certificate of Health Examination for Small Animals," signed by an accredited veterinarian or approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. (It is not necessary to have the documents legalized by the Turkish Embassy's Consular Section or Consulate General.)

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