

## CUSTOMS REGULATIONS ISRAEL

Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Immigrants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Original passport of consignee and spouse</li> <li>• English packing list, without values (From O/A).</li> <li>• Power of Attorney authorizing destination agent to clear shipment (Provided by D/A).</li> <li>• Declaration for customs (in Hebrew) showing values of all items, giving make, serial number and appliance manufacturer's name, whether old or new, and sizes for all fabric items (to be prepared and signed at the destination agents office)</li> <li>• Invoices for newly purchased items (less than 12 months old)</li> <li>• Rental contract for a 1-year minimum</li> <li>• New Immigrant Booklet "Teudat Oleh" of consignee and spouse</li> </ul>	<p>New Immigrants are entitled to a tax free importation of household effects as well as personal effects. In order to utilize this privilege, consignee must have in his/her hands the immigration booklet (Teudat Oleh).</p> <p>Consignee will have to surrender his/her original passport along with the original immigration booklet to Israeli Customs during clearance process.</p> <p>Duty free entry for all personal and household goods.</p> <p>Electrical appliances: only one of each permitted except 2 computers and 2 T.V's per family.</p> <p>Communication Equipment, Sporting Equipment and Outdoor Furniture are subject to duties - partial or full, depends on the item.</p> <p><b>Carpets for new immigrant:</b> Permitted duty free entry : 25% size of flat 75% if wall to wall carpeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consignee can immigrate from country A and import from country B</li> <li>• Date of arrival is the date of first entry into Israel as marked in the "Teudat Oleh" booklet issued upon arrival.</li> <li>• Number of duty free shipments limited to three (3).</li> <li>• Lease contract for flat must be minimum of one year and if furnished, should specify which items are supplied with the flat, as customs will not allow identical items to be brought in duty free.</li> <li>• Shipment of a car and professional tools will not be calculated within the framework of three shipments allowed.</li> <li>• Expiration of rights: goods must arrive at port of entry not later than 3 years from the date of arrival.</li> <li>• No items brought for other people are allowed.</li> </ul>
Israeli Citizens who lived abroad less than 2 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear copy of picture page of Israeli Passport</li> <li>• English packing list, without values (From O/A).</li> <li>• Power of Attorney authorizing destination agent to clear shipment (Provided by D/A).</li> <li>• Declaration for customs (in Hebrew)</li> </ul>	<p>In general, Israeli citizens who lived abroad for less than 2 years do not qualify for a tax exemption importation of personal effects/household goods. The shipment will be taxed by Israeli Customs based on its tariff (Customs duties include also VAT charged on the value and Sales Tax).</p>	

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<p><b>Israelis who lived abroad 2 to 6 years</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English packing list, without values on it</li> <li>• Optional: EUR-1 or Certificate of Origin for newly purchased items</li> <li>• Clear copy of picture page of consignee and spouse's passport</li> <li>• Clear copy of "returning Israeli" stamp page of consignee and spouse's passport</li> <li>• Proof of Residence in Israel (Same one supplied to Customs)</li> <li>• Invoices for newly purchased items (less than 12 months old)</li> <li>• Power of Attorney authorizing destination agent to clear shipment (Provided by D/A).</li> <li>• Declaration for customs (in Hebrew) showing values of all items, giving make, serial number and appliance manufacturer's name, whether old or new, and sizes for all fabric items (to be prepared and signed at the destination agents office)</li> </ul>	<p>If consignee is an Israeli citizen, who lived abroad between 2 and 6 years, and sum of visits each year did not exceed 4 months, than he/she may be eligible for 'Returning Citizens' status, although in a limited form.</p> <p>Consignee must visit the customs house governing his place of residence and bring along his Israeli passport, his spouse's passport and a proof of residence (Rental contract, ownership contract, city tax bill etc.).</p> <p>Once Israeli Customs stamped the passport with 'Returning Israeli' stamp, consignee may import personal effects and household effects tax free, and also appliances, but only one (1) of each kind except 2 computers and 2 T.V's per family</p> <p>Some items may not be exempted at all, including Alcohol, Communication equipment (phones, fax machines etc.), carpets, sporting equipment etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expiration of rights: goods must arrive at port of entry not later than 9 months from the date of arrival.</li> </ul>

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Israelis who lived abroad over 6 years	<u>SAME AS ABOVE</u>	<u>SAME AS ABOVE</u>	
Religious individual (A-3 status) (Minister, Priest, Theological Student)	Same procedure as persons entering under B-1 status including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status (A-3-) stamped in passport by Customs authorities</li> <li>• Letter from place of service</li> <li>• Bank guarantee or deposit.</li> </ul>		A-3 visa needs to pay a deposit or a bank guarantee, which will be released or paid back once he leaves Israel and sends the HHGs back.
Tourists (B-2)		No duty free rights. All goods imported are subject to Customs duty.	
Foreign Workers (B-1 Visa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English Packing List, without values</li> <li>• Original Passport, already stamped with B-1 Visa</li> <li>• Israeli Customs Forms &amp; Power of Attorney (filled in Israel)</li> <li>• Letter from employer, confirming that client will be working for him in Israel</li> </ul> <p><u>Documents Required for Clearance from consignee's EMPLOYER in Israel</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ORIGINAL Guarantee papers, duly signed by the issuing bank</li> </ol>	<p>Unlike most countries in the world, where Work Permit/Visa entitles consignee to import his personal effects tax-free, in Israel the procedure is different.</p> <p>Consignee's employer will have to raise a bank guarantee in the amount of duties levied by Israeli Customs, in order to clear the shipment without paying taxes. This guarantee will have to be renewed every year and can be revoked only when the goods are exported out of Israel.</p>	Note: The guarantee covers Israeli Customs duties and taxes only, and does not cover other port related charges like NVOCC handling charges, cargo terminal charges and <u>Wharfage</u> fee.
Diplomats' removals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English Packing List, without values</li> <li>• Clear copy of diplomat's passport</li> <li>• Clear copy of diplomat's ID card</li> <li>• Original tax exemption papers</li> <li>• Letter of Authorization from governing diplomatic body to D/A</li> </ul>	<p>Diplomats are entitled to a tax-free importation of personal effects, once a tax exemption franchise is obtained by the body (e.g. embassy, consulate or organization) in which the diplomat is physically serving.</p> <p>First, the diplomatic body must apply for a diplomatic ID card for consignee at the Diplomatic Department at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem. Once obtained, the</p>	Note: The exemption covers Israeli Customs duties and taxes only, and does not cover other port related charges like NVOCC handling charges, cargo terminal charges and wharfage fee.

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		body will have to apply for the tax exemption franchise at the governing Customs House, presenting them with the bill of lading, packing list and customs forms. Once the customs broker (e.g. Destination Agent) receives the ORIGINAL tax exemption papers, duly signed by Israeli Customs, he can go ahead and clear the shipment tax free.	
<b>Inheritances</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inheritance papers issued by Israeli Court</li> </ul>	No special privileges except 25% discount on sales tax, which is applicable to appliances only.	
<b>Tools for professional purposes</b>	Valued packing list.		Importer must prove they are essential to his profession.
<b>Liquors, cigarettes</b>		Subject to payment of full duties and taxes.	
<b>Motorcars (excl. Diesel cars), other motor vehicles, caravans, trailers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Document proving registration in importer's name.</li> <li>Israeli driver license.</li> <li>Insurance document.</li> <li>Purchase invoice.</li> <li>International driver license</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New immigrants –receive exemption of purchase tax but needs to pay customs duty and VAT of total of 75% -80% from value of the car.</li> <li>For new immigrants- the car must arrive at port of entry within 3 years from the date of arrival.</li> <li>Only one car can be imported.</li> </ul>	All cars should comply with the Israeli Institute of standards. Shipper should check with D/A by faxing registration details of car.
<b>Pets</b>	Certificate for all normal inoculations.		
<b>Firearms, ammunitions, explosives, dangerous chemicals, drugs, devices fuelled by natural gas</b>		Prohibited.	Firearms –Special authorisation has to be applied for to Ministry of Interior prior to shipping. Any devices fuelled by natural gas (Methane, Propane, etc.) must not be shipped to Israel in personal property shipments. This includes such things as: BBQ Grills (gas powered), gas hobs, gas cookers, gas ovens, gas heaters.
<b>Other</b>			<u>How to Consign the BOL/AWB</u>  Consignee

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			<p>Shipper's Name (as shown on passport)            Israeli ID Number (9 digits) for Israeli Citizens or            Foreign Passport Number (for foreigners)            Shipper's Address in Israel            Shipper's Phone Number in Israel</p> <p>Notify            Moving company            Address            Tel. Fax</p> <p><b>OR:</b>  <u>Consignee:</u>            Shipper's Name (as shown on passport)            Israeli ID Number (9 digits) for Israeli Citizens or            Foreign Passport Number (for foreigners)            c/o moving company            address            tel/fx            VAT #</p> <p>Notify:            Moving company            Address            Tel. Fax</p>