

## CUSTOMS REGULATIONS THAILAND

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<b>CONSIGNMENT INFORMATION:</b>			
All shipment must be marked on the OBL as ' <u>Used Personal effects &amp; Household goods</u> ' or AWB as ' <u>Used personal effects only</u> '. <b>Do not declare as household goods or household effects on the AWB. Original OBL is needed if OBL is not surrendered (express released).</b>			
<b>Failure to follow the above procedures can cause serious Customs Clearance delays and result in higher import fees to the owners/shipper.</b>			
<b>Removal goods</b>	<p>Shipper must provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passport</li> <li>• Non-Immigrant or Residence Visa valid for one year.</li> <li>• Work Permit valid for one year, if available.</li> </ul> <p>Origin agent must provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two legible copies of packing inventory.</li> <li>• Original copy of OBL or airway bill.</li> <li>• Shipments must be marked on the OBL and airway bills as "Used Personal Effects" only.</li> </ul> <p>All shipments (except diplomatic) must be consigned to the Shipper's full name (exactly as shown in passport)</p> <p>Original passport and original work permit must be presented to Customs during inspection. Bond facility is not available pending issuance of work permit. Without the one-year work permit, shipment will be dutiable, only original passport is required during customs clearance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duty free entry for used personal effects and household goods but only 1 (one) shipment by air AND 1 (one) shipment by sea only.</li> <li>• Household effects under 6 months in age are subject to duties.</li> <li>• Although the shipper may import more than one shipment, he remains subject to full import duties on the second shipment. We recommend consolidation of shipments prior to their arrival in Thailand.</li> <li>• Personal and household effects must be imported not earlier than one month prior to arrival and not later than six months after the arrival of the importer, but the Director General of Customs is empowered to extend the said period in such exceptional circumstances, as he deems necessary.</li> <li>• Shipment has to be consigned to full name of shipper c/o Removal Company's address.</li> <li>• Shipper does not have to be present at customs BUT his actual passport has to be presented to customs.</li> </ul>	<p>Duty free entry available to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Returning Thai resident who has lived abroad for more than 12 months.</li> </ul> <p><i>Too frequent travelling back and forth can cause problems should Customs deem the owner to have not been permanently based in origin country. Each stay in Thailand must not be more than 3 months each time. Shipper has never imported goods into Thailand. Original passport (old passport might be needed), copy of a house certificate and copy of Thai ID card must be presented during the customs inspection.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Persons processing a one-year non-immigrant B (business) visa with a valid one-year work permit at the time shipment arrives at port. No other permit or retirement type "O" visa will be considered for duty free entry.</li> </ul> <p>All other categories are subject to high taxes.</p> <p>A VAT of 7% applies to all invoices issued in Thailand.</p> <p>Customs clearance takes three to five working days.</p>

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	<p>Furthermore, the following restrictions must always be met for a 1 year work permit or a returning Thai – otherwise the shipment will be classified as non-exempt:</p> <p>1.1 Shipment must originate from same country as owner's last place of residence or place of work.            1.2 Shipment must arrive in Thailand not earlier than 1 month prior to owner's arrival/return to Thailand.            1.3 Shipment must arrive in Thailand not later than 6 months after owner's arrival/return to Thailand.            1.4 Thai customs allow only one sea and one small air shipment.            1.5 Must contain used items (not new).            1.6 Only one of each type of electrical appliance is allowed, duplicate appliances will be charged full duties.</p>		
<b>Diplomats' removals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A set of packing lists.</li> <li>• Bill of Lading or Air Way Bill to be received prior to arrival of shipment.</li> </ul>	<p>Diplomatic shipments are allowed duty-free into the Kingdom.</p> <p>For Diplomatic shipments must be consigned to their Embassy or their mission/organization with full name and full address            Attn: Mr./Mrs./Ms. Or Miss in front of Shipper's full name (exactly as shown in passport)</p>	<p>Documentation processing for diplomatic shipments takes approximately 14 days by the respective embassy after shipment arrives at port.</p>
<p><b><u>NON EXEMPT FROM DUTY</u></b></p> <p>High duties are placed on all goods not conforming to the section above. Particularly high duties apply to electrical goods, plasma/LCD TV, carpets and luxury goods.            Note: Toys, baby items, foodstuff, alcohol, office items including files, bicycle, exercise equipment, sport equipment, musical instrument, golf set, luxury items including crystal glasses and Porcelain vases, and fax machines ARE DUTIABLE and will not consider for duty exemption. Especially sending via <u>airfreight</u>.</p> <p>Customs at the airport is very strict. They are not expecting shipper to send a large used HHG via air and intend to go through the goods more thoroughly during the inspection. We recommend sending most of the electrical goods, baby toys, and golf club via sea shipment if possible.</p> <p>Note: Prohibited articles include firearms, ammunition, pornographic literature, short-wave radios, and medical equipment, Buddha head, gold and silver.            Note: Wine and spirits, foodstuff, <b>toys, baby items</b>, Buddha statue require special import licensing and should not be included in the shipment without prior consultation.</p> <p>Note: For all inbound shipments (except diplomatic) agent must have client's actual passport for clearance. With all documentation in order, clearance typically takes 3-5 working days.</p>			
<b>Wedding trousseaux</b>		<p>Wedding gifts will be subject to duties per the appropriate tariffs.</p>	
<b>Inheritance</b>		<p>Will be subject to duties unless Thai citizen can satisfy Government residence requirement.</p>	

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<b>New furniture and household goods</b>		Subject to duties, i.e. tax on wooden furniture 28.40% of CIF value.	
<b>Works of art</b>	No document required, if part of household effects.		
<b>Antiques</b>	No document required if part of the household effects. It is advised to specify antiques on import documentation to prove their importation, in order to facilitate their exportation later.	Must have a picture of the items. Must appear on packing list. Some Asian antiques, especially religious artefacts require Fine Arts Dept. approval for export, whether imported by shipper or not.	
<b>Precious metal objects (jewellery coins)</b>	No document required if part of the household effects.		
<b>Household appliances (imported separately)</b>		Subject to payment of duties	Only one unit of each and being a used items.
<b>Household appliances. (Imported separately)</b>		Subject to payment of duties.	Applies also to second appliances, as well as new ones.
<b>Electrical appliances</b>	Same as household appliances.		
<b>Carpets</b>	No document required, if part of the household effects.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not send in the air shipment</li> </ul>
<b>Sport articles</b>	Same as above.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<b>Presents, souvenirs</b>	Same as above.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<b>Motor vehicles (automobiles and motorcycles)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automobile registration of the foreign country.</li> <li>Driver's license of the country from which the car was exported.</li> <li>Original B/L.</li> <li>Import permit (must be available before car is shipped to Thailand).</li> <li>Original passport and one year work permit</li> <li>Original car registration.</li> <li>Original marriage certificate (if has Thai spouse and holds Non O visa)</li> <li>All documents must be translated and certified if it's not in English.</li> </ul>	Automobiles and motorcycles are dutiable items (whether new or old). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Autos up to 2400 cc duty are 228% of CIF value.</li> <li>Autos over 2400 cc duty are 265% of CIF value.</li> <li>Autos over 3000 cc duty are 328% of CIF value.</li> <li>Motorcycles pay duty at 95% of CIF value.</li> <li>Free duty exemptions are provided to diplomatic organizations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automobile cannot be imported unless the applicant applies for the permission and receives the permission from the Ministry of Commerce before shipping the automobile into the Kingdom.</li> <li>This permission is very difficult to obtain for owners with a foreign passport.</li> <li>Automobile registration must show that the applicant has had legal possession or ownership for at least one and a half years, from the ownership date till the date he left that country.</li> <li>Driver's license of the country in which the automobile was used showing that the</li> </ul>

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<b>Other vehicles (bicycles, water vehicles)</b>	Invoice for water vehicle – seek agent advise before sending	Bicycles: subject to duty at 49.80% of CIF value. Water vehicles: are subject to import tax and duties.	
<b>Machines, appliances, spare parts</b>	Invoice. – seek agent advise before sending	Subject to duty per the appropriate tariffs.	
<b>Wine</b>	Import permit.	Subject to duty of 315%.	
<b>Alcohol</b>	Import permit needed. (Take a long time to obtain it).	Subject to duty of 315%.	
<b>Tins</b>	Same as wine.	Subject to duty of 72%.	
<b>Food</b>	Import permit required.	Subject to duty of 72%.	
<b>Plants</b>	Health certificate.		Prohibited: Several plants, fruits, part and product of plants from many countries. Enquire in advance with Consulate or other authority.
<b>Arms and ammunition</b>		Import prohibited.	Not to be included in household shipments.
<b>Dangerous goods</b>	Must be clearly declared.	Import generally permitted.	Seek your agent's advice before shipping.
<b>Medicine</b>	No document required if part of the household effects (Sea Shipment only).	If large quantity of medicine, please seek agent advise before sending	
<b>Narcotics, drugs</b>		Import prohibited	
<b>Cats, dogs, other animals</b>	Certificate of vaccination (rabies). Pet must be vaccinated not less than 21 days but not longer than 1 year. Government Health Certificate (Export permit) Owner original passport Import permit AWB	No quarantine. Photo copies of below documents to apply for the import permit (7-10 working days in advance): - Rabies vaccination certificate - Government Health certificate - Owner copies of passport - Estimated flight detail - Color Photo of the pet - All copies of documents must be in English	Subject to 30% import duty if sending as air cargo. Copies of AWB and Official Health Certificate (export permit) should be send to agent prior to the pet arrive at airport. The animal should arrive during daytime. If arrival is after 4 p.m., special Customs clearance can be arranged, provided flight details are known 48 hours in advance. It is recommended to send as excess baggage, when there might be no Customs clearance and no duty.

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Pornographic literature, Short-wave radios		Prohibited from importation.	
General remark	All toys, sports/exercise equipment, bicycle, office equipment & documents, luxury goods are subject to duty.		