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CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

Documents Required

- Copy of Passport
- Packing list
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Express Release (2 non-negotiable copies showing the ocean freight rate) / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Residence Permit / Work Permit / Letter of Employment
- Detailed inventory of new items (if bought less than 6 months prior to shipment arrival) in English dated, valued, signed by the shipper and attached to the original invoices
- Tax Identification Number
- Free Entry Certificate, if applicable
- Diplomatic Declaration, signed by the Diplomatic Mission
- Customs Baggage Declaration (Form CE 11), signed in the presence of a Customs Officer

Specific Information

- It takes approximately 20–40 days to obtain the Free Entry Certificate.
- Relevant documents must be received by the agent prior to arrival of the shipment to minimize any port charges.
- The shipper must be present for Customs clearance.
- All shipments are subject to inspection.
- Diplomatic organizations are subject to duty and value added tax (VAT) exemptions provided the consignee to complete the Form FA608 prior to arrival of the shipment.
- Returning residents, who have lived abroad for at least 1 year and persons with dual citizenship are entitled to duty and VAT exemptions.
- Clothing, toiletries, personal computers and other personal effects are also free to import.

MOTOR VEHICLES

Documents Required

- Passport
- Purchase Invoice showing purchase price and date of purchase
- Quarantine / Agriculture clearance
- Vehicle Registration / Certificate of Permanent Export (UK) / Certificate of Title (USA) / De-registration Certificate (Japan)
- Invoice showing export costs (Japan)
- Invoice showing freight costs and insurance to Fiji
- OBL / AWB
- Odometer reading at time of sale for export to Fiji
- Odometer reading at time of importation into Fiji
- Import License
- Non-sale Certificate (new vehicles)
- Commercial Invoice (new vehicles)

Specific Information

- The OBL must include chassis number, engine number, color, model, make and weight of the vehicle.
- The Import License must be obtained prior to import.

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- Vehicles older than 5 years of age from the date of manufacture cannot be imported.
- Vehicles exceeding 2500 cc but not exceeding 3000 cc are levied \$7500 per vehicle.
- Vehicles exceeding 3000 cc are levied \$20,000 per vehicle.
- The duty rate on used cars is 32% of the invoice value plus 15% excise duty plus 15% VAT.
- In order to avoid any unnecessary delays and charges for demurrage and storage due to lengthy Customs procedures, the agent must receive a copy of the required documentation prior to arrival of the shipment; check with agent for specific time frames.

PETS

Documents Required

- Veterinary Health Certificate
- Vaccination Record
- Application to Import Live Animals

Specific Information

- Permission is required from the nearest Embassy.
- Cats, dogs and other domestic pets can only be directly imported by air into the country from Australia, Hawaii or New Zealand.
- An Application to Import Live Animals form from the Office of the Director of Animal Health and Production with proof of rabies vaccination is required for entry.
- Pets are subject to quarantine.

RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- All weapons including firearms, knives, swords and explosives (a Police Permit is required).
- Food, plants or plant parts, camping equipment and biological specimens (a special permit from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and Fisheries is required)
- The following may qualify for free import by persons age 17 years and older:
 - Cigarettes (250), cigars (250 g), tobacco (250 g) or a combination of items not to exceed 250g
 - Liquor (225 L)
 - Wine(4.5 L)
 - Beer (4.5 L)
 - Goods cannot exceed FJ\$400 in total value

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Unlawful drugs
- Narcotics
- Birds (all species)
- Pornography
- Counterfeit items
- Cultural artifacts and other objects of cultural importance
- Henna
- Palm trees and any byproducts
- Explosive materials
- Meat and dairy products (prohibited in Tasmania)

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CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Recommended: Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

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Helpful Website(s):

<http://www.frca.org.fj>

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1114.html