



**ICELAND**



## **CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS**

### **HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS**

#### **Documents Required**

- Copy of Passport
- Detailed inventory, dated and signed by shipper
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB)

#### **Specific Information**

- Used household goods may be imported duty free if owned for longer than 12 months abroad, the shipper is moving their principal residence to Iceland, and items arrive within 6 months from the shipper's arrival date.
- The shipment must be imported within 12 months of the date of a transfer of residence.
- If a second shipment is anticipated, it must be stated at the time of the first importation.
- A delivery address must be known at the time of Customs clearance.

### **MOTOR VEHICLES**

#### **Documents Required**

- Copy of Passport
- Original certificate of title showing customer's name and vehicle serial number
- Original registration card of origin country
- Original Purchase Invoice / Bill of Sale
- Insurance certificate
- Inventory
- Letter of Employment

#### **Specific Information**

- Persons entering Iceland intending to live in the country for a year or less for employment, study or travel may import a vehicle registered abroad without paying duty or import charges, provided that the following conditions are met:
  - The importer is or has been domiciled abroad.
  - The vehicle is intended for personal use of the importer and his family members and others traveling with him and are domiciled abroad.
  - The vehicle is imported or purchased new and unregistered within 1 month from the arrival of the shipper to the country for a temporary stay.
  - The vehicle will not be used for any kind of transportation of people or goods in return for payment.
  - The vehicle is exported when the importer leaves the country within 1 year from his arrival here.
- Customs may request the Letter of Employment or other documentation proving that the shipper is intending to stay in Iceland temporarily.
- Vehicles other than automobiles may also be imported such as motorcycles, caravans, campers and trailers.
- If the shipper takes up permanent residence or residence longer than a period of 1 year, the conditions for temporary duty-free import no longer apply; the shipper may be required to pay duties or taxes or the vehicle be exported out of the country.

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## PETS

### Documents Required

- Vaccination Record
- Veterinary Health Certificate
- Pet Passport

### Specific Information

- All pets are subject to examination upon arrival and a quarantine period of 4 weeks.
- The importation of dogs and cats is prohibited unless a special Import Permit is obtained by the Ministry of Agriculture, which is valid for 1 year.
- Pets must be microchipped with a 15-digit ISO pet microchip and vaccinated at least 30 days but not more than 12 months prior to entry.
- The Veterinary Health Certificate must be issued within 10 days of travel.
- Dogs are required to be tested for tapeworm within 10 days of arrival.
- Some breeds of dogs are prohibited from import; contact the destination agent for specific information.
- There are certain exemptions regarding vaccination requirements for cats and dogs; contact the destination agent for specific information.

## RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Alcohol / wine (must be inventoried separately with brand name, type, amount, number of bottles, and value); a person importing wine or alcohol in a shipment of household goods must pay duties and taxes.
- Tobacco (is subject to duty and tax)
- New items (items less than 12 months old)
- Telephones and communications equipment
- Angling gear (clothing used abroad must be disinfected prior to importation)
- Riding gear (leather items are prohibited, including saddles, bridles, muzzles, reins, etc.)
- Weapons and ammunition (contact the destination agent for exceptions)
- Meat products (must be boiled or canned)
- Knives (cannot have blades exceeding 12 cm)

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Paints, polishes, and cleaning solvents
- Drugs and narcotics
- Natural plants
- Food items
- Chewing tobacco and finely powdered snuff
- Explosives

## 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://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1138.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1138.html)

<http://www.houseofsweden.com/en/Embassy-of-Iceland>

<http://www.pettravel.com/immigration/iceland.cfm>

[http://www.tollur.is/displayer.asp?cat\\_id=380](http://www.tollur.is/displayer.asp?cat_id=380)