



THAILAND



CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

Documents Required

- Original Passport (with one-year non-immigrant B Visa required for free duty and tax import)
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Packing list
- Work Permit

Specific Information

- The shipment must arrive within 6 months of the date of issue of the Work Permit for tax and duty free import for working foreign nations and returning Thai nationals).
- For duty and tax free import, the Passport must have with it a 1-year non-immigrant B Visa (no copies are accepted).
- Returning citizens must be overseas for 1 year in order to be considered for tax and duty free re-entry; travel to and from Thailand during the shipper's overseas stay is likely to disqualify them from the exemption.
- Diplomatic shipments are exempt from tax and duty, but document processing takes approximately 10 business days by the respective embassy; therefore, documentation must arrive prior to shipment to avoid additional port charges.
- Retirement Visa holders must pay duties.

MOTOR VEHICLES

Documents Required

- Import License
- Diplomatic Exemption Certificate (Diplomats)
- OBL

Specific Information

- Shipments containing more than one of any electrical appliance will be subject to Customs taxes and duties.
- Duties range from 210% to 310% of for vehicles not shipped under diplomatic status.
- Motorcycles cannot be imported unless qualifying under diplomatic status.
- Before the shipment non-diplomatic motor vehicles, the shipper must obtain approval from the Ministry of Commerce.
- Import licenses are rarely granted to foreigners.

PETS

Documents Required

- Vaccination Record
- Veterinary Health Certificate

Specific Information

- Pets require a vaccination valid for 1 year.
- There is no quarantine period.

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RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Wine, spirits, foodstuffs (should not be included in the shipment without prior consultation) - taxes and duties apply to quantities in excess of 180%
- Baby items, including toys
- Alcohol
- Antiques and objects of art (permission from the Fine Arts Department is required)
- Office items and equipment
- Sports equipment, including golf sets
- Musical instruments, including pianos
- Luxury items, including crystal and porcelain
- Only one of each electrical item is allowed duty and tax free; subsequent items will be assessed on the most expensive items.
- Firearms, ammunition, fireworks (permission from the Ministry of Interior)
- Wild flora, fauna, fish, and other aquatic fauna (permission from the National Park, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Department / Department of Agriculture / or Department of Fishery is required)

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Shortwave radios
- Pornographic or obscene objects, literature, pictures, etc.
- Goods containing the Thai national flag
- Counterfeit currency, bonds, coins or other objects
- Medical equipment
- Gold and silver
- Buddha Heads

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.customs.go.th/wps/wcm/connect/custen/traders+and+business/prohibited+and+restricted+items/general+prohibitions+and+restrictions/generalprohibitionsandrestrictions>

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1040.html