



# TURKMENISTAN



## CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

### HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

#### Documents Required

- Copy of Passport
- Copy of Visa
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Packing list
- Letter from Embassy to Customs Committee (Diplomats)
- Diplomatic Note approved by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Copy of Diplomatic Card (Diplomats)
- Pro-forma Invoice (foreigners and returning citizens)
- Letter of Employment (foreigners)
- Customs Declaration blank form (to be completed at Customs)

#### Specific Information

- Foreigners must pay USD 5 per hour for Customs service.
- Turkmen citizens are not permitted to import household goods and personal effects on a temporary import basis and must pay full Customs taxes and duties.
- A pre-alert with copies of all documents should be sent 10 days prior to the arrival of the shipment to avoid payment of heavy import duties.

### MOTOR VEHICLES

#### Documents Required

- Permission of Operation Department of Ashgabad Customs Office
- Insurance documentation
- OBL / AWB
- Inspection by State Vehicle Inspection
- Receipt of plates from State Vehicle Inspection
- Driving manual for the vehicle
- Temporary / Permanent Import Declaration
- Permission from Transinspection (Diplomats and foreigners)
- Certificate of Standard of State (Diplomats and foreigners)
- Temporary Import Declaration (Diplomats and foreigners)

#### Specific Information

- The permanent importation of vehicles is subject to full Customs taxes and duties per fixed Customs tariff (foreigners).
- Vehicles can be imported on a temporary basis with a Customs duty payment of \$25.00 + \$5 per hour for Customs services (foreigners).
- The sale of a vehicle temporarily imported is restricted (foreigners).

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## PETS

### Documents Required

- Certificate of Vaccination
- Veterinary Health Certificate

### Specific Information

- Permission from CITES is required for the importation of endangered species.

## RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Precious jewelry, stones and currency can be imported only as accompanied baggage and must be declared with Customs authorities at the airport.
- Wine and spirits for personal consumption (1L per person)
- The following items may be qualify for free import within the limits indicated:
  - Cigarettes (200), cigars (50), cigarillos (100), tobacco (500 g)
- Amounts in excess of limits for free import are subject to duties and taxes as follows:
  - US \$ 1.00 per liter excise duty
  - Up to 30% of value Customs duty (depending on the % of alcohol)
  - 15% of the value of the value added tax (VAT)
  - 0.2% of value Customs procedures duty
- Hunting weapons (authorization from the Ministry of Interior required)

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Weapons of all kinds
- Pornography
- Narcotics
- Toxic and radioactive materials

## 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://turkmenistanembassy.org>

[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1047.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1047.html)