



# Importing Personal Property Into *Sri Lanka*

## IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS/ PERSONAL EFFECTS; RESTRICTED/PROHIBITED ITEMS; IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES

### **DUTY-FREE ENTRY IS PERMITTED IF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:**

- The shipper is a returning Sri Lanka National or Expatriate.
- The shipper has resided abroad for at least one year.
- Foreign Citizens whom have obtained Residence Visas valid for at least one year may import duty-free a shipment that does not exceed the below listed values (in Sri Lanka rupees):
  - Individual shipper: 50,000.00
  - Family: 100,000.00

### **Notes:**

- The shipper must be present during Customs clearance.
- The shipment must arrive in Sri Lanka within 3 months of the shipper's arrival.
- A customs deposit is applicable; however, it may be refunded if no duties are assessed or if the appraised duties are paid.

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Shipper's Passport
- ✓ Valued inventory
- ✓ Original Bill of Lading or Air Waybill
- ✓ Residence Visa/ Blue Card
- ✓ Unaccompanied baggage declaration to be completed at the airport.

### **RESTRICTED/DUTIBALE ITEMS:**

- All items in quantities deemed commercial by Customs.
- Alcohol and products containing alcohol
- Tobacco products
- Currency, gold, silver, jewelry, etc.

### **PROHIBITED ITEMS:**

- Weapons, explosives and ammunition.
- Firearms, unless a permit is obtained prior to importation.
- Illegal drugs
- Telephones and all telecommunication devices.
- Pornographic materials
- Plants, fruit and vegetables

### **IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:**

- Cars and motorcycles that are under 3 years old are permitted entry provided that an import license is obtained prior to the shipment's departure.
- Left-hand drive vehicles are prohibited.
- Motor vehicles incur high duties.

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