



# Importing Personal Property Into *Guam*

## IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

### **DUTY-FREE ENTRY OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS IS PERMITTED PROVIDED:**

- Items are for personal use
- Imported furniture, carpets, paintings, tableware, linens, etc. or vehicles may be exempted from Use Tax, if the following requirements are met (applicable for non-residents and returning residents):
  - Item was acquired in another state, territory, district or country.
  - Owner, at time of acquisition, was bona fide resident of another state, territory, district or country.
  - Items were acquired for use outside of Guam.
  - Items acquired were used for at least 3 months prior to importation into Guam.

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Copy of passport
- ✓ Original Bill of Lading or Air Waybill
- ✓ Original and two copies of Inventory

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

- Firearms and ammunition must comply with U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) regulations.
- Rooted plants, cut flowers, seeds, soil, fresh fruits and promulgative materials require phytosanitary certificates.
- Non-residents (with the exception of nationals of Guam living abroad) may import duty-free 50 cigars or 200 cigarettes or 3 pounds of tobacco, if the importer is at least 21 years old.
- Alcoholic beverages up to 1 gallon (3.8 liters) may be imported duty-free provided the importer is at least 18 years old.

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

- Duty-free allowance for gifts should not exceed US \$1,000 in value if the stay in Guam was for at least 72 hours and this exemption has not been claimed within the preceding 6 months.
- Medications which contain habit-forming substances (such as cough medicines, diuretics, heart medicines, tranquilizers, depressants, stimulants, etc.) should be hand-carried and accompanied by a prescription or written statement from a physician indicating the medicine is being used under a doctor's direction and is necessary for well-being.

### **PROHIBITED ITEMS:**

- All food items
- Narcotics and dangerous drugs
- Guns (must be registered), Switchblades or knives
- Pornography
- Misbranded articles
- Hazardous articles, fireworks
- Dangerous toys
- Toxic and poisonous substances
- Endangered species and artifacts

### **IMPORTATION OF WORKS OF ART/ ANTIQUES:**

- There is generally no problem with importation provided articles are used and in reasonable amounts that do not imply commercial purposes.

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Ocean Bill of Lading or Air Waybill
- ✓ Detailed packing list

## PROHIBITED ITEMS; IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES AND PETS:

### IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

- All vehicles imported must meet U.S. Motor Vehicle safety standards. (Department of Transportation (<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>) and Environmental Protection Agency standards; U.S. (<http://www.epa.gov>) & Guam EPA.)
- Autos owned for six months or less are subject to 6% tax
- For more information contact Guam Environmental Protection Agency, P.O. Box 22439, GMF, Barrigada, Guam 96921, Main phone: (671) 472-8863, Administration: (671) 475-1658/9 and Fax: (671) 477-9402.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Insurance certificate
- Copy of current registration
- Copy of Title/Ownership
- Copy of current Driver's license

### IMPORTATION OF PETS:

- Cats and dogs are allowed duty-free entry.
- All pets must be inspected and certified by the Animal, Plant Health Inspection Service for meeting Guam's health and sanitation requirements.
- Quarantine is required for pets being imported. If the animal originates from Japan, Hong Kong, Oceania or continental United States (except for counties in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas which share a border with Mexico), it can be quarantined in Guam. If the animal originates outside of one of these designated areas, then it must be quarantined in Hawaii.
- The owner must make arrangements with a government-approved kennel prior to importation. For further information contact: Harper Valley Boarding & Quarantine, Chalan Pago, Telephone: (671) 734-4543, Fax: (671) 734-0151.

- Exotic pets, such as exotic birds, etc. require import permits. To confirm if your pet will be permitted importation contact: Department of Agriculture, Territorial Veterinarian, 192 Dairy Road, Mangilao, Guam 96923, Phone: (671) 734-3940 or Fax: (671) 734-6569.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ The following documents are required to obtain an **Entry Permit**:
  - ✓ Completed entry permit application
  - ✓ Health Certificate signed by a veterinarian and dated less than 14 days prior to departure of the pet.
  - ✓ Rabies Vaccination Certificate dated at least 30 days and less than 1 year prior to the pet's departure.
  - ✓ Dogs require a certificate of immunization against distemper, adenovirus 2, parainfluenza, parvovirus, corona virus, bordetella, hepatitis and leptospirosis.
  - ✓ Cats require a certificate of immunization against feline distemper, pneumonitis, viral rhinotracheitis, calici virus, panleukopenia and feline leukemia.
  - ✓ Reservation at an approved quarantine kennel.

### Note:

- **Pets imported without an Entry Permit are subject to being re-exported or even possibly destroyed. Either way the owner will be responsible for expenses.**



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- Pacific Islands Movers, 2002
- Customs & Quarantine, Government of Guam, <http://www.justice.gov.gu/custom/index.htm>, November 2000.
- Dewitt Moving and Storage, <http://www.dewitt.com.gu/customs.htm>, September 2000.

The information presented herein is based on customs data available at the time of printing and is frequently subject to change without notice. It is the responsibility of the owner or importer of the household goods to comply with the current customs restrictions, regulations, and duties of the country to which the goods are imported. We strongly advise customers to contact the consulate or embassy of the destination country for the most current information on customs regulations, restrictions and duties for importing household goods, personal effects and vehicles.