



Importing Personal Property Into *Lebanon*

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

1. Returning Lebanese Nationals

- Must be present at time of customs clearance
- Must provide the following documents
 - ✓ Original Passport
 - ✓ Proof of residency within a foreign country, for a minimum period of three consecutive years (notarized by the Lebanese Consulate/Embassy.)
 - ✓ Notarized packing list
 - ✓ A "Moving Certificate" issued and notarized by Lebanese Consulate/Embassy
 - ✓ Lebanese house ownership documents or proof of residential lease notarized by a local municipality

1. Expatriates/Foreigners

- Must be present at time of customs clearance
- Must provide the following documents
 - ✓ Original Passport
 - ✓ Notarized packing list
 - ✓ Local Residence Permit
 - ✓ Work Permit

Notes:

In the case of delayed documents, the shipper may provide a "Local Bank Guarantee" equivalent to the amount of any duty assessed by customs on the shipment. The shipper is given 90 days to complete the requirements. Once all documents are submitted the guarantee will be cancelled.

A written proof of purchase should be supplied for all appliances and furniture. The items must have been used by the owner for

PROHIBITED/RESTRICTED ITEMS:

- Narcotics and non-branded drugs
- Any products of Israeli origin
- Pornographic or obscene items
- Anti-religious publications
- Films
- Weapons (including guns and ammunition). Decorative weapons may be allowed with licensing from the Ministry of Defense
- Satellite dishes and cellular phones require approval from the Ministries of Communication and Defense
- Audio and Video tapes, CD's and CD-Roms must be packed separately and clearly marked. A separate handling fee of US\$75.00 will be assessed and items will be held for censoring.

IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

- Vehicles older than 8 years are not allowed permanent entry into Lebanon.
- Minimum customs duty charge on motor vehicles is US\$3,400.
- A 20% customs duty will be charged on motor vehicles valued up to US\$13,400.
- A 50% customs duty will be charged on motor vehicles valued at more than \$13,400. A 10% Value Added Tax will also be added.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Purchase receipt notarized by the Lebanese Consulate/Embassy at origin.

Notes:

Once the motor vehicle has cleared customs it will be towed from the port to the owner's residence to await registration. It may not be driven until registration is complete.

PROHIBITED ITEMS; IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES AND PETS

IMPORTATION OF PETS/BIRDS:

- An Import Permit must be obtained prior to importation of an animal. An Inoculation certificate/ vaccination certificate certified by the appropriate governmental authorities in the country of origin is required for an Import Permit.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Import Permit

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