



Importing Personal Property into

PAKISTAN

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- The shipment consists only of household goods and personal effects, in reasonable quantities.
- The Shipper is a Diplomat, Returning Resident (non-electronic items only), or a Foreign expert sent for a "Special Project"

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Original Bill of Lading or Airway Bill.
- ✓ Descriptive inventory of all items / Packing List
- ✓ Copy of passport (all pages), for each family member
- ✓ Employer certificate
- ✓ Transfer of Residence Certificate
- ✓ Pakistan Nationals require a National Identity Card
- ✓ Foreign Nationals require the following documents:
 - ✓ Proof of employment within Pakistan, such as a letter from the employer stating the shipper will be in Pakistan for about three years.
 - ✓ Work Permit or NOC from Investment Promotion Bureau, Government of Pakistan

NOTES:

- **The shipper must be in Pakistan during customs clearance.**
- Customs procedures in Pakistan can take anywhere from 3 days to 3 weeks. Shipper should be prepared for any delays.
- New or used furniture requires the shipper's presence at customs clearance. If the shipper is a returning national, then proof of the shipper

returning permanently is required. In the case of transfer of residence, documented proof must be presented to customs. Customs form "A" must be submitted along with the passport, invoice/packing list and Employee Certificate.

RESTRICTED/ DUTIABLE ITEMS:

- All electrical items, major appliances and any new items - invoices or receipts are required.
- Tobacco products, perfumes, toiletries and foodstuff.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Explosives, firearms, weapons and ammunition.
- Pornographic material and statues
- Liquor/Wine
- Drugs
- Plants
- Recorded VCR tapes and other movies

NOTES:

- Attempting to import narcotics into Pakistan is grounds for capital punishment.
- Alcohol is allowed for diplomats only

IMPORTING PETS:

- Duties are applicable
- Shipper's presence is required at customs clearance.
- May be imported as either accompanied or unaccompanied baggage.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR IMPORTING PETS; IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES:

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Import permit from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
- Copy of Airway Bill and Flight Pre-Alert (Accompanied or Unaccompanied); must be issued 48 hours prior to the pet's arrival in Pakistan.
- Updated Vaccination Certificate
- Health Certificate, dated 48 hours prior to departure.
- Passport of owner

IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES:

- Duty and taxes are applicable and must be paid in foreign currency to the Government Vehicle Import Regulations.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Import Permit
- Original Bill of Lading
- Transfer of Residence Certificate
- Passport
- Invoice / old registration book

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- Express Movers, http://www.expressmovers.com/pkcustoms_regulation.html, 2003.
- Rinkens International Moving, www.rinkens.com/PK.html, 2003.
- EuroAmerican, <http://www.euroamerica.net/pakistan.htm>, September 5, 2002.

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.