



## ***Importing Personal Property into***

# **BERMUDA**

### **IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS**

#### **HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS MAY BE IMPORTED UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

- A customs bond must be posted for 33.38% of the value of the goods. The value is usually based upon the insured amount.
- Used clothing and books are permitted duty-free.
- The shipper's presence at customs clearance is recommended.

#### **Notes:**

- A customs officer will be present during delivery at the residence to assess duty on each item.
- The following is the percentage of duty based upon customs assessed value: appliances at 33.4%, furniture and sporting goods at 22.25%, and antiques at 8.5%.

#### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Letter authorizing the Destination Agent to clear the shipment through customs.

#### **DUTIABLE / RESTRICTED ITEMS:**

- All new items require invoices and will be assessed duties.
- Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products are restricted to duty-free import in the following quantities: 1.137 liters of spirits or 1.137 liters of wine; 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars. If these quantities are exceeded, then customs duties will be assessed against the Bermuda Customs Tariff.

- Fruits, vegetables, flowers, plants, shellfish products, shells and soil require import permits and will undergo inspection upon arrival.

#### **PROHIBITED ITEMS:**

- All types of weapons including flick knives, blowguns, spear guns, toy guns, mace, martial arts weaponry, signal guns, swords, etc.
- Firearms and ammunition
- Explosives including pyrotechnics
- Gold and silver coins
- Pornographic materials
- Political literature
- Queen Conch (*Strombus Gigas*) and Harbour Conch (*Strombus Costatus*)
- Illegal narcotics are strictly prohibited.

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

- To import a motor vehicle, a License from the Transport Control Department must be obtained.
- Motor vehicles are subject to duties and must not be older than 6 months.
- Automobiles are restricted to size and engine capacity.
- Motorcycles over 100 cc are prohibited.

## IMPORTING PETS INTO BERMUDA

### IMPORTATION OF PETS:

- To obtain the specific requirements for your pet, contact:  
Animal Husbandry Clerk  
Department of Environmental Protection  
P.O. Box HM-834  
Hamilton, Bermuda HM-CX  
Phone: 441-236-4201  
Fax: 441-232-0046  
Email: [animals@gov.bm](mailto:animals@gov.bm)
- Pets must be at least 4 months old and be accompanied by an import permit.
- A customs import duty will be assessed on all animals up to 22.25% of the animal's true value.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Import Permit issued by the Bermuda Department of Environmental Protection, to be obtained in advance of the animal's arrival in Bermuda.
- ✓ Health Certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian from the country of origin
- ✓ Description of the pet to include name, date of birth, breed and markings.
- ✓ New resident animals require a bill of sale
- ✓ Returning resident animals, who have resided outside of Bermuda for less than 5 years, are not subject to duties, as long as documented proof is provided.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

- ✓ Bermuda Online, <http://bermuda-online.org/illegalimports.htm>, June 11, 2003.
- ✓ Rinkens International Moving, <http://www.rinkens.com/BM.html>, 2003.
- ✓ Department of Environmental Protection Bermuda, General Conditions for Animal Importation, [http://www.animals.gov.bm/animal\\_import\\_genconds.html](http://www.animals.gov.bm/animal_import_genconds.html), May 2003.
- ✓ Sousa's Landscape Management Company Limited, Plant Protection Laboratory, [http://www.slm.bm/plant\\_protection.htm](http://www.slm.bm/plant_protection.htm), June 2, 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.