



Importing Personal Property Into ETHIOPIA

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

- The shipper must be physically present in Ethiopia with his/her original passport and work permit or diplomatic exemption in order to clear the shipment through customs.
- Shipments are subject to inspection, except for the case of diplomatic removals.
- For foreigners relocating to Ethiopia, shipments are subject to duty and tax.

Required Documents for Non-Diplomats:

- ✓ Original passport
- ✓ Working permit, which takes approximately 3 – 6 weeks to obtain
- ✓ Packing list
- ✓ Original Bill of Lading/Air Waybill

Required Documents for Diplomats:

- ✓ Original Passport
- ✓ Duty free privilege document from Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ✓ Original Bill of Lading/Air Waybill
- ✓ Packing list
- ✓ Copy of ID issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Required Documents for Returning Ethiopians:

- ✓ Letter from Embassy of Ethiopia, legalized by Ministry of Foreign Affairs upon arrival
- ✓ Original Bill of Lading/Air Waybill
- ✓ Packing list

Notes:

- Household goods/personal effects are subject to tax, except for diplomats and returning Ethiopians.
- For non-diplomats and returning Ethiopians: some personal belongings will be subject to duty, based upon customs examination. Ordinarily electrical appliances are taxed.
- Shipper should only import 1 of each type of electrical appliance, such as: 1 TV, 1 CD player, 1 DVD player, etc.

RESTRICTED ITEMS

- Decoders & satellite dishes require approval from the Telecommunication Office. Approval must be obtained prior to the container's arrival at destination.

MOTOR VEHICLES

- Motor vehicles may be subject to tax, unless imported as a diplomatic shipment.
- Cars with steering wheels on the right-hand side are not allowed into Ethiopia.
- VIN must be reported on the Bill of Lading.
- In the case of consolidated shipments, the Bill of Lading must specify which goods belong to each respective consignee.

Required Documents:

- ✓ VIN document listing all of the vehicle's identification numbers, including the engine number, chassis number, type and model and of the vehicle, and year of manufacture.
- ✓ Commercial invoice, if available
- ✓ Car booklet
- ✓ Import permit issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (obtained by shipper)
- ✓ Authorization of the Road Transport and Communication Ministry (obtained by shipper)

Notes:

- Returning Ethiopians require an import permit issued by the Road Transport Authorities, which will be issued to the shipper upon presenting the Embassy's letter legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Vehicle is subject to tax.
- Non-diplomatic vehicles may be subject to tax.

DOGS AND CATS

- Pets require an import permit.
- For diplomats:
 - The Embassy in Ethiopia will inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by letter, enclosing copies of relevant documents for the pet's importation.
 - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will inform the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, who will inform the Customs Authority, who will provide the necessary document for the pet to be imported.
 - It is recommended to begin the process of approval 1-1/2 to 2 months prior to importation.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Birth Certificate
- ✓ Health Certificate
- ✓ Copy of Passport

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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.