



# *Importing Personal Property Into* **BELIZE**

## **IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS/PERSONAL EFFECTS, MOTOR VEHICLES AND PETS**

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

- Goods must have been owned and used by the shipper for at least one year prior to date of importation.
- Belize nationals must have resided abroad for at least one year.
- Items must arrive within six months of the shipper's arrival in Belize.

### **Notes:**

- The shipper must be in Belize at the time of Customs clearance.
- Inquiries about temporary residency should be directed to the Immigration and Nationality Department, Belmopan.

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Residence Permit or Work Permit for non-nationals
- ✓ Inventory

### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE DUTY-FREE AS ACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE**

- 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 225 grams of tobacco.
- 568 milliliters of alcoholic beverages
- 1 bottle of perfume for personal use

### **PROHIBITED ITEMS**

- Firearms and ammunition

### **DUTIABLE/RESTRICTED ITEMS**

- Items less than one year old are considered to be new and will be subject to duties. Purchase invoices are required for Customs purposes.
- New refrigerators, computers, stoves and sporting goods are dutiable.

### **IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

- Motor vehicles will generally be subject to duties.
- Approved foreign retirees will not have to pay duties on automobiles, light aircraft and watercraft for personal use.
- Customs will determine valuation of automobiles based on the car's condition and age.

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- ✓ Ownership papers.
- ✓ Import Permits are required for boats. Boats made of wood are rarely permitted entry.

### **IMPORTATION OF PETS**

- Pets may be imported into Belize if accompanied by appropriate documentation.

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- ✓ Import permit from the Belize Agricultural Health Authority.
- ✓ Health Certificate stating the pet is free from infections/contagious disease. A veterinarian must issue certificates less than 48 hours prior to departure.
- ✓ Vaccination Certificate stating the pet has been vaccinated against rabies between one month and six months prior to departure.
- ✓ Dogs require a Vaccination Certificate stating they have been vaccinated against distemper, parvovirus, infectious canine hepatitis and leptospirosis.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:**

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