



Importing Personal Property Into *Cambodia*

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- If the items are at least 6 months old.
- The shipper is a foreigner and has diplomatic status or works for an NGO.
- The shipper's agency or company must be registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Cambodian Development Council before duty-free status will be granted to the shipper.

Notes:

- Foreigners without diplomatic status or returning Khmer nationals are allowed to import household goods but will pay duties or an "import permit fee" to the customs department.
- New items will incur duty and tax. Avoid packing goods in original boxes because they will be considered new.
- There are no restrictions in the number of shipments an individual can import.
- The shipper is **not** required to be in Cambodia when the shipment arrives.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Inventory in English
- ✓ Copy of shipper's passport (identity pages).
- ✓ Original Bill of Lading stating Used Household Goods and Personal Effects
- ✓ Through Bill of Lading
- ✓ Detailed, itemized and valued packing list in English.
- ✓ Insurance documents if available.
- ✓ Letter on company or agency letterhead requesting duty-free status.
- ✓ Typed, valued invoice based on original packing list, not to exceed US \$5,000.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Firearms, ammunitions and weapons
- Narcotics
- Pornographic materials

IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

- New or used cars incur import duty/tax of 60% to 125% plus 10% government tax, depending on the engine size.
- Only diplomats or UN, NGO and IO employees will be allowed to import cars duty-free and tax-free, granted they can provide proof from the relevant agencies upon arrival.
- Only left-hand drive vehicles are permitted importation.
- If the vehicle's value exceeds US \$25,000, approval must be obtained prior to importation.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Certificate of Registration stating engine and chassis numbers
- ✓ Proof of ownership
- ✓ Commercial invoice or proof of value

IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS:

Dogs, cats and birds can be imported without quarantine.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Valid Health Certificate issued no more than 7 days prior to the animal's arrival.
- ✓ Current vaccination record.

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- JVK International Movers – Cambodia Customs Regulations, http://www.jvkmovers.com/cambodia_customs.htm, April 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.