



Importing Personal Property Into

FIJI

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- First time residents may import household goods and personal effects duty-free if the items are in reasonable quantities and they arrive within 12 months of the shipper's arrival in Fiji.
- Returning Fiji residents must provide proof that they have owned and used the goods for at least 12 months.

Notes:

- The shipper must be in Fiji to clear the shipment through customs.
- Shipments will be inspected by the Customs and Quarantine officials.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Customs Baggage Declaration Form CE 111 signed in the presence of a Customs Officer
- ✓ Work Permit
- ✓ Residence Permit
- ✓ Detailed, complete inventory – "Packed by Owner" ("PBO"), "Miscellaneous," "Bedroom," etc. are not acceptable terms.
- ✓ Original bill of lading or airway bill

DUTY-FREE CONCESSIONS FOR ACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE

- Alcohol: 2 liters of liquor or 4 liters of wine or beer and any combination that does not exceed the limit for any one item.
- Tobacco: 500 cigarettes or 500 grams of tobacco products.
- \$400 worth of duty assessed goods.

DIPLOMATIC REMOVALS

- Conditions vary and are available from the Diplomat's local representative.

RESTRICTED/DUTIBALE ITEMS

- Personal computers are dutiable.
- Alcohol and tobacco products are dutiable.
- Gifts
- Business machines such as fax machines are dutiable.
- Boats, engines and trailers
- Pornographic materials
- The following items must be declared for quarantine purposes:
 - Items that may have been in contact with soil, such as lawn mowers, bikes, golf clubs, gardening tools, etc. must be marked on the inventory and packed so they are easy to access in the shipment.
 - Foodstuff
 - Plants or any part of plants, whether living or dead
 - Earth, rock, soil or mineral samples
 - Animals or animal parts, whether alive or dead, including coral, shells and items made from endangered species.
 - Equipment used with horses or other animals
 - Biological specimens or tissues

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Firearms, ammunition and weapons
- Drugs
- Communications equipment including transceivers
- Agricultural materials
- Vegetable matter, seeds, meat and dairy products are prohibited unless a license is obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES AND PETS

IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

- There are stringent regulations on the import of motor vehicles into Fiji and duties and taxes will be assessed on the vehicle.
- Duty rates will be lower for vehicles owned by the shipper for at least one year.
- Steam cleaning is required before departure.

IMPORTATION OF PETS

- A permit is required to import cats and dogs. Only cats and dogs are permitted importation into Fiji.
- Pets must undergo quarantine in Suva for at least 7 days, unless arriving from the United States.
- If arriving directly from the United States, pets must undergo a 3-month quarantine.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Import Permit

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

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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.