



# Importing Personal Property Into

# ICELAND

## IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- Nonresidents are allowed to import items intended for their own use and are not for sale. The items must be re-exported upon the shipper's departure from Iceland.
- Residents are allowed to import duty-free up to ISK 36.000 (about US \$550) worth of goods, as long as no individual item exceeds ISK 18.000 (US \$275) in value.

### **Note:**

- The shipper must be present at the time of Customs clearance in Iceland.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Original Ocean Bill of Lading or Air Waybill
- ✓ Valid passport
- ✓ Work permit
- ✓ Inventory in English

### RESTRICTED/DUTIBALE ITEMS

- Alcoholic beverages may be imported by shippers who are at least 20 years old. The quantity must not exceed:
  - 1 liter of liquor and 1 liter of wine or
  - 1 liter of liquor and 6 liters of beer or
  - 1 liter of wine and 6 liters of beer or
  - 2 liters of wine.Liquor is defined as any alcohol between 22 and 50% by volume and wine is any alcohol under 22%, except beer. Beer must be above 2.25%.
- Tobacco is restricted to 250 grams or 200 cigarettes per person over the age of 15 years old
- Electronic equipment is restricted to one of each type
- Musical instruments

- Books, video, audio cassettes and movies are subject to censorship.
- Flowers and plants may require a certificate of soundness from the Icelandic Agricultural Research Institute.
- Certain telephones and communications equipment may require special permission from the Icelandic Post and Telecommunications Administration. Such equipment includes cordless telephones, radio transmitters and remote controls for toys.

### PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Firearms, weapons and ammunition
- Fishing gear, including waders and rubber boots, which have been used abroad unless such equipment has been disinfected according to valid rules (immersion for 10 minutes in a 2% formaldehyde solution). A certificate of disinfection issued by an authorized veterinary officer will be acceptable.
- Live animals (except cats and dogs) and birds
- Uncooked meat and meat products
- Eggs and other poultry products
- Butter and uncooked milk
- Medicines, except small quantities for personal use
- Narcotics
- Poisons

### IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

- Motor vehicles may be imported, but must be re-exported by the owner at the end of his/her stay in Iceland.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Vehicle's registration book
- ✓ International motor insurance
- ✓ Owner's green card
- ✓ Driving license valid in Iceland

## IMPORTING PETS; EXPORTING NATURAL OBJECTS AND ANTIQUES

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### IMPORTATION OF PETS

- A permit issued by the Ministry of Agriculture must be obtained prior to importing a pet into Iceland. The Ministry of Agriculture's address is as follows: Sölvhólsgrata 7, 150 Reykjavík, Iceland, fax: 354-552-1160.
- Upon obtaining an import permit, the shipper must make the necessary arrangements for a four weeks' quarantine at the quarantine station in Hrísey (the only quarantine facility in Iceland). The telephone number for Hrísey is 354-466-1781.
- If during quarantine the pet falls ill with a disease unknown in Iceland, the pet will be destroyed at the owner's expense.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Import permit
- ✓ Certificate of Health and Origin from a veterinarian issued within 10 days prior to the pet's departure including information about many vaccinations. Further information may be found on the Iceland Ministry of Agriculture's website:  
<http://www.landbunadarraduneyti.is/upplysingar/innflutningur-dyra/nr/433>

### EXPORTATION OF NATURAL OBJECTS AND ANTIQUES

- It is prohibited to export birds, bird eggs, eggshells and nests from Iceland.
- There are 31 species of plants which are protected and thus are prohibited exportation from Iceland.
- It is prohibited to export items of historical or archaeological interest from Iceland without special permission from the appropriate authorities.
- Antiques defined as items 100 year old and older are prohibited export, except in cases in which special permission is granted by the appropriate authorities.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

- Iceland Embassy, Washington DC, <http://www.iceland.org>, 2004.
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- Household Goods Forwarders Association of America, Inc. "Commercial Shipper's Guide" 1998.

**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.**