



# Importing Personal Property Into

# RUSSIA

## IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- Household goods and personal effects must be used.
- The goods must be imported on a temporary basis (temporary import customs control) by an accredited employee. If the goods are not re-exported or an extension is not sought by the time the visa expires, then customs duties must be paid.

### **Notes:**

- Shipper must be present at the time of customs clearance.
- Shippers who import goods which are released into free circulation will pay customs duties of approximately 50% of the value of goods, as determined by Customs.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Valid passport + 3 copies of first 4 pages with original stamp of Russian employer
- ✓ Valid visa + 3 copies with original stamp of Russian employer
- ✓ Detailed valued inventory of all items (3 copies) in English, German or Russian, with stamp of Russian employer.
- ✓ Packing List
- ✓ Original Waybill
- ✓ Copy of Accreditation Card with employer's seal.
- ✓ Declaration Form T6, stamped by Airport Customs, completed upon shipper's arrival in Russia.
- ✓ Two official letters in Russian from the shipper's company informing Customs of the shipment. Letters must be properly signed and sealed.
- ✓ Power of Attorney signed by shipper at Notary's office in Russia.

### **Notes:**

Inventory must be exhaustive. Include all serial numbers, literature details and artistic and/or cultural items.

### RESTRICTED/DUTIBALE ITEMS

- Food
- Handmade carpets
- Furniture, ornaments, books and other items produced prior to 1945
- Coins and stamp collections
- Precious metals, precious and semi-precious stones and any items made from these items
- Figurines, sculptures, statues, icons and samovars
- Currency
- Alcohol, Cigarettes
- Gifts (valued over US\$1000)
- Still Cameras
- Note the title and artist for works of art including paintings and drawings.
- Two photos of any item of cultural value must be provided to the destination agent at least 1 week prior to the shipment's arrival.
- On the inventory, note serial number of musical instruments and author, title, and publisher of each book.

### PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Drugs/narcotics
- Pornographic materials
- Weapons, firearms and ammunition
- Animals and plants
- Fresh meat, fruits and vegetables
- Politically subversive photographs and printed matter
- High frequency radio electronic devices and means of communications

## IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES AND PETS

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### IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

- One motor vehicle per shipper may be imported into Russia.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Original invoice or contract of purchase
- ✓ Original registration
- ✓ Full description of vehicle
- ✓ Copy of shipper's drivers license
- ✓ Certificate of insurance

### IMPORTATION OF PETS

- Dogs and cats may be imported with no quarantine required.
- Dogs and cats must have been vaccinated against rabies within the past 12 months (even if a 3-year rabies vaccine is used).
- Stricter requirements apply to birds and exotic animals.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ International pet passport showing proof of vaccination against rabies and feline/canine infectious diseases

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