



# Importing Personal Property Into Trinidad & Tobago

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

- The goods have been owned and used by the shipper for at least 1 year.
- The shipment must arrive within 2 months of the shipper's arrival into Trinidad & Tobago.

### **Notes:**

- The shipper must be present during Customs clearance.
- 10% special tax applied to shipments of returning citizens that qualify.
- All shipments will be inspected by customs

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Valid Passport
- ✓ A Non-Resident needs to have a Work Permit.
- ✓ Inventory
- ✓ Customs Bond
- ✓ Cash Deposit
- ✓ Import License
- ✓ Proof of residence overseas for at least 1 year.
- ✓ Copies of Bill of Lading/Airway Bill

### **PROHIBITED ITEMS:**

- Weapons and ammunition
- Narcotics and medicines
- CB radios, walkie-talkies, etc. are prohibited and will be confiscated.
- Tapes

## **DUTIABLE/RESTRICTED ITEMS:**

- All new items including anything that is less than 1 year old is dutiable and its age and specific details must be stated on the inventory.

## **IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:**

- Duty, VAT and import taxes will be applied.
- Returning Nationals who have resided abroad for at least 5 years and had possession of the vehicle for at least 6 months prior to his/her return to Trinidad & Tobago will receive some relief on Customs Duty dependent upon the amount of time he/she has owned the vehicle.
- The shipper is not allowed to sell or transfer ownership of the vehicle until 2 years after importation.
- The shipper must have lived abroad for at least 5 years.

## **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Import License for right-hand drive vehicles. License can be obtained from the Ministry of Trade and Industry.
- ✓ Proof of ownership, e.g. registration certificate.
- ✓ Invoice for proof of age.
- ✓ In addition to the above mentioned documents, Returning Nationals must provide:
  - ✓ Proof of residence abroad, such as passport or employment records.
  - ✓ An affidavit sworn before a local Commissioner.
  - ✓ 2 passport-size pictures.

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