



Importing Personal Property into

LATVIA

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- The household goods have been used by the shipper for at least six months
- The goods remain in Latvia for twelve months or less

Note:

- Shipper must be present in Latvia to clear their shipment through customs

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Copy of passport
- ✓ Copy of visa
- ✓ Valued inventory in English or Latvian
- ✓ Customs declaration
- ✓ Residence permit
- ✓ Work permit or contract
- ✓ Confirmation to return items such as works of art, household machinery, electronics, etc.

RESTRICTED/DUTIBALE ITEMS

- Religious materials
- Antiquities
- Medications containing psychotropic substances require special permits issued by the Welfare Ministry.
- Business equipment
- Alcoholic beverages are limited to 3 liters
- Cigarettes, cigars and tobacco
- Gold, precious metals and precious stones
- "Packaging Tax" will be assessed on packaged items including food and beverages in glass, plastic, cardboard or metal containers.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Firearms and ammunition, unless the proper authorization is obtained from the authorities.
- Drugs
- Pornographic materials
- Live animals other than pet dogs and cats

IMPORTATION OF PETS

- Cats and dogs may be imported into Latvia if accompanied by the proper documentation.
- The pet must enter Latvia through border posts that handle animal imports, such as the international airport in Riga.
- The pets must be clinically healthy and free from rabies.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Rabies Vaccination Certification stating that the pet was vaccinated against rabies 30 days to 12 months prior to arrival in Latvia.
- ✓ Veterinary Health Certificate with results of clinical exam, treatment against ectoparasites and immunization records. Dogs need to be vaccinated for rabies, canine distemper, infectious canine hepatitis and canine parvoviral infection. Cats need to be vaccinated against rabies and infectious panleucopenia.

Note:

- If the owner or a person authorized by the owner accompanies the cat or dog into Latvia, an International Animal Passport can then be substituted for the required Veterinary Health Certificate.

IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS

- Foreign citizens are allowed to import only firearms intended for hunting purposes.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Import license from the State Police of the Ministry of the Interior
- ✓ Hunting license from the State Forestry Service

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

- Embassy of Latvia, <http://www.latvia-usa.org>, 2005.
- Corstjens Worldwide Movers, 2002.
- 4moversww.com, April 2000.
- Latvia Consular Information Sheet, <http://travel.state.gov/latvia.html>, 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.