



Importing Personal Property Into PAKISTAN

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- The shipment consists only of household goods and personal effects, in reasonable amounts, which do not constitute commercial quantities.
- Goods must be shipped from the country in which the shipper resided prior to arriving in Pakistan.
- Goods must reach Pakistan within 60 days of the shipper's arrival.
- Items allowed duty-free on first visit in a year:
 - 1 radio or tape recorder, excluding hi-fi systems and home theaters
 - 1 VCP or VCR or DVD player or similar device
 - 1 still and 1 video camera
 - Personal jewelry in reasonable quantities
 - Professional tools, value not to exceed \$500 (US dollars)
 - 1 desktop or laptop computer for personal use
 - Further allowances must not exceed the value of \$500 (US dollars), except for the following, which are allowed with payment of 50% of the total duty and taxes: television, deep freeze, refrigerator, cooking range, washing machine, and air conditioner.
- Allowances for Pakistani nationals who are transferring residence back to Pakistan and who have resided abroad for at least 2 years are allowed:
 - Old and used furniture, crockery, cutlery, kitchen utensils, rugs, carpets, household linen, bedding (including blankets), and other household goods generally used by a family during a stay abroad.
 - Payment of 50% of duty and taxes is applicable on the following items: 1 TV, 1 deep freeze, 1 refrigerator, 1 microwave oven, 1 cooking range, 1 washing machine, and 1 air conditioner.
 - Professional tools and equipment, value not exceeding \$5,000 (US dollars).
 - Second-hand or used medical equipment, including electro medical equipment used by registered medical practitioner, recognized by Pakistan Medical and Dental Council.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Original Bill of Lading or Air Waybill.
- ✓ Descriptive inventory of all items / packing list with purchase invoices
- ✓ Copy of passport (all pages), for each family member
- ✓ Employer certificate
- ✓ Transfer of residence certificate
- ✓ Authority letter from Mission
- ✓ Pakistan Nationals require a National Identity Card
- ✓ Foreign Nationals require the following documents:
 - ✓ Proof of employment within Pakistan, such as a letter from the employer stating the shipper will be in Pakistan for about three years.
 - ✓ Work Permit or NOC from Investment Promotion Bureau, Government of Pakistan
 - ✓ Copy of valid visa
- ✓ Diplomatic Removals:
 - ✓ Duty free papers / CBR Booklet
 - ✓ Authority letter and other relevant document
 - ✓ Copy of diplomatic card

Notes for Household Goods and Personal Effects:

- **The shipper must be in Pakistan during customs clearance.**
- Customs procedures in Pakistan can take anywhere from 3 days to 3 weeks. Shipper should be prepared for any delays.
- New or used furniture requires the shipper's presence at customs clearance. If the shipper is a returning national, then proof of the shipper returning permanently is required. In the case of transfer of residence, documented proof must be presented to customs. Customs form "A" must be submitted along with the passport, invoice/packing list and Employee Certificate.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Explosives, firearms, all types of weapons, and ammunition.
- Pornographic and subversive literature and statues
- **Alcohol
- Liquor/Wine
- Drugs, narcotics
- Plants
- Toxic / radioactive material

Notes:

- **Alcohol is allowed for diplomats only
- Attempting to import narcotics into Pakistan is grounds for capital punishment.

RESTRICTED ITEMS

- All electrical items, major appliances and any new items - invoices or receipts are required.
- Tobacco products, perfumes, toiletries and foodstuff.

MOTOR VEHICLES

- Duty and taxes are applicable and must be paid in foreign currency to the Government Vehicle Import Regulations.
- Minimum stay abroad is 180 days within the last 7 months, if importing a vehicle as personal baggage. Minimum stay abroad is 700 days if importing vehicle under the transfer of residence or gift scheme.
- A vehicle may only be gifted to a family member with normal residence in Pakistan.
- Vehicles with engine capacities of 1800 ccs or more and 4x4 vehicles in new condition imported under the personal baggage or gift scheme are subject to duty and taxes. Payment must be arranged by a Pakistan national showing a foreign exchange or by a local recipient with a certificate showing conversion of foreign remittance to local currency.
- Vehicles more than 60 months old are prohibited import.

Note:

- Above regulations are not applicable to Diplomatic and Privileged Personnel Vehicles due to Duty Free Status

Required Documents for Motor Vehicles:

- ✓ Import Permit
- ✓ Original Bill of Lading
- ✓ Title of the vehicle
- ✓ Deregistration certificate
- ✓ Transfer of Residence Certificate
- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Purchase invoice showing the engine number, model, and horsepower
- ✓ Cancelled vehicle registration documents

DOGS AND CATS

- Duties and taxes are applicable and must be payable in foreign currency (US dollars).
- Shipper's presence is required at customs clearance.
- May be imported as either accompanied or unaccompanied baggage

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Import permit from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
- ✓ Copy of air waybill and flight pre-alert (accompanied or unaccompanied); must be issued 48 hours prior to the pet's arrival in Pakistan.
- ✓ Updated vaccination certificate
- ✓ Health certificate, dated 48 hours prior to departure.
- ✓ Passport of owner

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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.