



Customs Procedure for Moving Household Goods into Hong Kong

Hong Kong is a duty-free port and there is no tax or duty for importing household goods; however, it does carry various restrictions as detailed below. Normally, the client does not have to be physically present during Customs clearance and inspection. Documents required for Customs clearance are:

1. Photocopy of the client's passport (re-signed by the client);
2. Authorization Letter from the client.

Dutiable items:

Automobiles, boats, alcoholic drinks, cigarettes, tobacco and perfumes.

Prohibited items:

Drugs and narcotics.

Controlled items:

Guns, weapons, firearms, ammunition, fireworks, explosives and clasp knives are subject to an import license and approval from the Police Department prior to importing into Hong Kong.

Pet Animals:

An Import License and Health Certificate are required to import dogs, cats, birds and other pets into Hong Kong. Quarantine is usually required and the length depends on the type of pet and which country it will be coming from. Please refer to the Customs import hints on pet animals for further details.

Alcoholic Drinks:

Subject to the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance Chapter 109, import duty shall be payable on the following types of liquor at the rates, expressed as a percentage of the value (calculated in accordance with Section 26-A), set out on each type of liquor.

B) Importation Procedure:

- 1) The alcoholic drinks should be packed together in cartons in the shipment and properly declared on the packing list. A detailed list with full descriptions and value for each bottle must be provided to Asian Express prior to the arrival of the shipment to apply for the Import License from Hong Kong Customs & Excise.
- 2) Import duty assessed by Customs will have to be paid in order to obtain a RELEASE ORDER from Hong Kong Customs & Excise for the alcoholic drinks being imported into Hong Kong.
- 3) Upon arrival of the shipment, Asian Express will submit the RELEASE ORDER to Hong Kong Customs & Excise for clearance and inspection. The shipment will be released only if the information on the RELEASE ORDER matches the content of the alcoholic drinks in the shipment, otherwise, Customs will hold the entire shipment for thorough inspection to re-assess the value of the alcoholic drinks and to impose the appropriate import duty and/or penalties.

Plants & Vegetable Products:

Importing plants and vegetable products require an Import License and a valid Phytosanitary Certificate issued by the competent authority in the country of the origin. Importing this type of products is not advisable as it could delay your shipment. Additional documents for clearance of the above are as follows:

1. 1. The client's Identification Documents.
2. 2. Original Purchase Invoice.
3. 3. Certificate of Registration.
4. 4. Insurance Certificate.

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