



Customs Procedure for Moving Household Goods into Malaysia

All shipments subject to 100% Customs examination.

Used household goods duty-free if: - Customer has owned goods for a minimum of three months and will not dispose of them for at least six months. Customer is a foreigner holding a Work Permit or Customer is a Malaysian who has been out of the country for a continuous period over one year.

Documents Required

Passport (copy of photograph page, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd pages and stamped by immigration - date of entry)
Work Permit.
Visa for Employment and Residence.
Inventory (original or a copy) must correspond exactly to contents of shipment

Used Personal Effects

Definition - Personal Effects is defined as own household and personal items proven and identifiable as being purchased at least 3 months or having being used six months prior to date of import. Any items in the shipment which look new must be accompanied with purchase receipts as proof for customs upon arrival. Any personal effects identified as new (less than 6 months old) will attract import duties. The shipper must be in country prior to arrival of shipment to sign necessary documents such as approved permits for cars, National Electricity Board Permit for electrical appliances & other clearance documents required.

Used Personal & Household Effects brought into Malaysia, exempted from duties exempted by (a) foreigners who have valid Malaysian work permit / employment letter by Malaysian employer (b) Returning Malaysians who have been out of country for a continuous period in excess of 3 months.

Dutiable/Restricted Items

All electrical items require Import Permit
All items less than six months old are taxed and dutiable (original invoices with value are required)
Video cassettes and films
Subject to review by the Film Censorship Board
Additional charges are for the customer's account
Precious metal objects
Plants require Phytosanitary Certificate and approval from the Ministry of Agriculture
Computers are tax free, limited to no more than three imported per family, cannot be sold
Within one year of import, and require an Import License
Alcohol and cigarettes are subject to high import duties.

Vehicle/Car

Import highly discouraged. All motor vehicles (new or used) are subject to Customs duties, are highly taxed and require an Import Permit. The permit must be granted before the vehicle is shipped. Motor vehicles over five years old are prohibited.

Documents required

Original membership certificate
Customs Form No. 1 (eight copies)
Insurance Policy
Original and copy of passport of member
Letter from member stating reason to import vehicles
Invoice, if vehicle is new.

Prohibited Items

Firearms, dangerous weapons, fireworks, explosives, ammunition and knives. Narcotics and drugs (violators subject to Death Penalty). Foodstuffs. Pornographic or politically sensitive material (in the form of books, videos, films, etc.). Gold bullion. Telephone and fax equipment (permit required). Short wave radios. Satellite dish. Nothing from Israel is allowed into Malaysia. Any literature on communism is prohibited.

Antiques

Clearance documents required are: Malaysian Customs Form 1, Letter of Authorisation, Origin Invoice, Certificate of Antiquity from Origin Country to indicate if antique is over 100 years and to be approved by Museum Authority prior to importation.

Live Animals and Plants

Dogs/cats/birds are permitted and require an Import Permit (prior to the animal's arrival)
Health Certificate (issued within seven days of flight, and must state that animal comes from a rabies free area)

Vaccination Certificate required (must show proof that vaccination was administered between 30 to 180 days prior to the flight)

Must note breed, age, color, name of pet and member and flight details
One month quarantine (minimum one week advance notice required for kennel/quarantine space)

After two weeks animal may be released to spend the remainder of the quarantine time at home in quarantine.

The following breeds are prohibited to enter/import into the country:

Dogo Argentino, Fila Brazier, Japanese Tosa, Pit Bull Terrier and American Pit Bull.

The following breeds can enter/import into Malaysia under special permit approve from government veterinary prior to arrival in KLIA. German Shepherd, Doberman, Rottweiler, Belgian Shepherd, East European Shepherd, Bull Mastiff, Bull Terrier and Canary Dog.

Documents required for application for this special permit is as follows:

Must not be less than six month at the time of importing.

Require micro chipped proof

Owner local address (The residence here must be available for veterinary inspection)

Letter from the owner confirming the following:

Dog is family Pet

Dog is not for breeding or for sale

Dog will be kept in compound at all times

Dog will be muzzled and leashed when not in the compound

Two copies of the latest picture of pet

Please allow at least three to four working days for the government veterinary doctor to process the approval of the permit.

Plants

Clearance documents required are: Phytosanitary Certificate issued by origin country, Letter of Authorisation, Invoice, Malaysian Custom Form 1 & Import Permit.
Mandatory quarantine period of 3 days.