



CUSTOMS PROCEDURE FOR MOVING HOUSEHOLD GOODS INTO VIETNAM

Customer has to be in Vietnam for Customs clearance for both air and sea shipments, passport required for Customs clearance. Customers are allowed only one air and one surface shipment. Customs inspects 100% of all shipments. All items must be "used". Shipper must be in possession of a Work Permit in order to import household goods into Vietnam. The only exceptions are General Managers, General Directors, Managing Directors etc.

Documents Required

1. Original Passport
2. Inventory (two copies, legible in English and detailed , PBO "Packed By member" not acceptable)
3. For electronic items note the brand, model and serial number
4. Copy of government work permit showing that the Customer's company or organization is authorized to set up a company in Vietnam
5. If the Customer does not have this government work permit, the shipment cannot be cleared to enter the country
6. Copy of airport Customs declaration retained by Customer's last entry
7. Letter authorizing Destination Agent to handle Customs clearance on Customer's company letterhead
8. Customers name as written on all packages and documents is the same as shown in his/her passport

Vehicle/Car

All autos must be new (less than 100 km) and left-hand drive

1. Motor vehicles for diplomatic/international organizations, and under terms of certain foreign investment licenses can be imported duty free. All others are subject to 150% duty, the value as assessed by customs officials
2. Motorcycles are strictly limited to those of 125cc engine size or smaller
3. An Import Permit is required
4. Certificate of Registration
5. Car papers

Restricted Items

1. Luxury goods, including TV's, stereos, computers, radios, VCRs, cassette recorders, motorcycles, automobiles, tobacco, alcohol and foodstuff are heavily taxed
2. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products must be on inventory with exact number of bottles and type of alcohol and quantity of tobacco. If you wish to import alcohol it is advisable that it be less than two cases.
3. Cultural items such as books, compact discs, video and cassette tapes, video recorders, computer discs, calendars and document files will be inspected by the Cultural Department (these items should be listed clearly on the packing list with the quantity of each item) or it is recommended the Customer bring CD's, cassette tapes, and radio tapes as accompanied baggage.
4. The charge for inspecting these items are for the Customer's account
5. Medicine (must provide prescription)
6. Electrical and electronic items are dutiable and note brand, model and serial number on inventory
7. Telephones and fax machines require an Import License and must be registered in Vietnam
8. Unauthorized use of these items can result in fines and confiscation
9. Antiques brought into Vietnam should be photographed at origin and declared to Customs upon arrival to avoid any problems at time of export from Vietnam

Prohibited Items

1. Firearms and ammunition
2. Narcotics
3. Pornographic, cultural or politically sensitive material
4. Radio transmitters
5. Satellite dishes
6. Any political or historical books about Vietnam
7. Vietnamese Government will confiscate above items if imported

Live Animals and Plants

1. Pets are duty-free
2. Provide Destination Agent with the type of pet, name, breed, sex, color, size or weight and age of the animal
3. Documents required:
Rabies vaccination papers, Health Certificate (not more than seven days old), Sanitary Certificate, Letter authorizing Destination Agent to handle Customs clearance on Customer's behalf.

There are currently no acceptable kennels for domestic pets in Vietnam, so plan pets' arrival accordingly.