



Customs Procedure for Moving Household Goods into Australia

CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

Australia Customs require Every Household Goods moving shipment owners to complete a Customs form (B534). Unaccompanied Baggage Statement must be signed and completed by the owner of the goods to clear the moving shipment when it arrives in Australia. Photocopies of passport pages including Australian entry stamp (some ports of entry require copy of all pages including blank pages, - check with your moving company at port of entry) together with a full descriptive inventory in English are required to clear Australia Customs. Original passport may be required by Australia Customs for customs clearance of Car. It is preferable that the completed Australia Customs declaration, passport copies and inventory are attached to shipping documents and received by your moving company prior to arrival of the moving shipment.

PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED GOODS

Drugs of dependence, like narcotics, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, and tranquillisers must be declared to Australia Customs which should not be included in any moving shipment of household goods and personal effects. Goods such as dangerous weapons (including spring-bladed knives, daggers, swordsticks and knuckledusters) are prohibited. Firearms including air, gas, flame and starting pistols and spear guns are subject to import restrictions and will be subject to release on approval from the Police authorities. All firearms and ammunition imported to Australia must be declared to Customs. Any article made from wildlife species must be checked with your Moving Company, before shipping, as they may be prohibited.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

All Household goods entering into Australia are subject to Customs inspection before clearance. Unaccompanied baggage and household goods may be imported into Australia free of customs duty providing the personal and household effects have been owned and used overseas for (12) twelve months or more preceding the customer's departure for Australia. Items not in this category, which have been owned and used for less than twelve months, will be subject to duty. The rates applicable vary and purchase receipts, invoices or the like will be required to substantiate values involved. All alcohol is dutiable and must be declared, even partly used bar stock.

IMPORT OF CFC REFRIGERANT AND OTHER PRE CHARGED SYSTEMS INTO AUSTRALIA

The importation into Australia of household freezers and refrigerators or refrigeration or air-conditioning equipment that is charged with a CFC (R12) refrigerant is prohibited (totally banned) under the Ozone Protection and Greenhouse Gas Management Act 1989 and such equipment must be removed prior to moving shipment to Australia. This includes air-conditioning units in motor vehicles (usually those built before 1996).

Documentary evidence is required to show that the refrigerant has been evacuated and the relevant system parts have been removed.

Any importer who does import any of this equipment may be subject to prosecution, seizure of equipment, fines and other monetary sanctions.

IMPORTATION OF CFC REFRIGERANTS/EQUIPMENT INTO AUSTRALIA/UPDATE

Australia has an exemption in place for any items being imported as personal effects by immigrants and individuals arriving on a temporary entry permit or returning Australian residents who are importing pre charged equipment that they originally sent out from Australia.

The only restriction relates to Australian residents who have purchased the equipment whilst overseas and are importing that equipment into Australia for the first time.

MOTOR VEHICLES

Please note that Motor Vehicles do not qualify as Personal Effects when imported to Australia and a permit from the Department of Environment and Heritage is required to allow importation.

If you are planning to Import a motor vehicle to Australia or motorcycle, trailer, new or second hand, the client must obtain an import permit from the Federal Office of Road Safety in Canberra. This permit must be obtained prior to shipping. You will get more detailed information about this from your moving company listed on moverworldwide.com.

When importing a motor vehicle, motorbike, caravan or trailer the quarantine authorities will inspect the vehicle on arrival and may require it to be steam cleaned. Clearance will be assisted if all soil, etc., is removed from the vehicle (including underneath) before moving shipment. This also applies to any item, which comes in contact with soil, e.g., lawn mowers, garden tools, garden furniture and bicycles.

QUARANTINE

Australia is fortunate, indeed unique, in its freedom from many diseases of humans, animals and plants, which affect other parts of the world.

Quarantine regulations are strict because Australia depend upon primary industries such as livestock and agriculture. Check with your Moving company at the port of entry into Australia.

While live animals are the greatest risk, animal products such as fresh and tinned MEAT, SALAMI, EGGS and DAIRY PRODUCTS are risk items. Many such articles or goods are prohibited, as are plants, soil, seeds, skins, shells and the like.

WARNING: Making a false or misleading statement to the Australia Customs is an offence and may involve heavy penalties. Drug trafficking is against the law and severe penalties apply.



UNACCOMPANIED PERSONAL EFFECTS STATEMENT

- This is a legally binding document and may be used as evidence.
- This statement must be completed in English (block letters), with all errors and alterations to be initialled.

WARNING

Do **not** carry drugs. Penalties for drug offences in Australia are severe. A **false** or **misleading** statement to a Customs Officer is an **offence** and may involve heavy penalties, including forfeiture of any goods concerned.

NOTICE

The Privacy Act 1988 says we must tell you why we are collecting this information, how we will use it and whether you have to give it to us. This information is required to ensure travellers comply with Australian Customs, Quarantine, Health, Wildlife and Currency laws. We require this information under the Customs Act 1901, the Quarantine Act 1908, the Wildlife Protection (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1982 and the Financial Transaction Reports Act 1988. Customs also need the information to calculate the right amount of duties and taxes. Any questions you do not answer will be asked by a Customs or Quarantine Officer. The Australian Customs and Quarantine Services are not permitted to disclose this information or any supplementary information you give, except when authorised or required by law.

Please complete the following details

Given names		Family name	
Address and telephone number of intended or actual Australian residential address			Date of birth
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Passport number	Country of issue
Persons covered by this statement: <input type="checkbox"/> Myself <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse		Name of spouse?	
Spouse passport number		Number of children under 18 years of age?	

How I arrived or intend to arrive in Australia

On (airline flight number or ship name)		At (port or airport)
Date, or estimated date, of arrival?	Country of departure	

For returning residents only

Other countries visited	Period of absence from Australia
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How my personal effects arrived or will arrive

By Mail; or By Air; or By Sea (if by air or sea then complete below)

The consigned to me have arrived or are due to arrive:

On (airline flight number or ship name)	At (port or airport)	Date, or estimated date, of arrival?
Container number	Sea Bill or Air Waybill number	Name of local business handling your personal effects?

Clearing your personal effects

You may clear your personal effects or pay a licenced Customs Broker to clear them for you. Alternatively, you may nominate somebody else (eg a family member or friend) to act on your behalf. If you wish to nominate somebody else, you must fill in the details of your nominee in the space provided below.

Family name	Given names
Address	Phone number

Your nominee will need to produce one of the following forms of identification when clearing your goods through Customs.

<input type="text" value="Driver's licence number"/>	<input type="text" value="Place of issue"/>	Or	<input type="text" value="Passport number"/>	<input type="text" value="Country of issue"/>
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Declaration

I declare that the above particulars are to the best of my knowledge true and correct.

Signature of owner	Date
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Important

You must answer each of the following questions by placing a tick (✓) in the appropriate boxes. If you mark YES in any box in sections three to eight, or if you are in doubt whether any particular effects should be declared, please give details in the space provided under each question or on a separate attachment if the space is insufficient. Unaccompanied effects may be examined. Please ensure that keys are available at the time of clearance.

Section One

Have you come or are you coming to Australia

As a tourist only? →

To take up temporary residence only? →

To resume permanent residence or as a returning Australian citizen?

To take up permanent residence for the first time?

As an Australian citizen residing overseas, returning temporarily?

Section Two

Did you pack the goods yourself?

Yes

No →

Are you fully aware of the contents of the packages?

Yes

No →

Do the packages contain goods belonging to any person other than you or those who accompanied you on your arrival in Australia?

Yes →

No

Section Three

Do your unaccompanied effects contain any of the following restricted goods?

Drugs of any kind including, but not limited to: *DHEA, narcotics, hallucinogens, amphetamines, barbiturates, tranquilisers, steroids or performance enhancing drugs.*

Yes No

Weapons including, but not limited to: *firearms or parts (including air pistols and air rifles), ammunition, replica firearms, spring bladed knives, daggers, knuckle dusters or martial arts equipment.*

Yes No

Articles manufactured from wildlife including, but not limited to: *reptiles/snakes, elephants, rhinoceri, members of the cat family, whales, dolphins, zebras, antelope, deer or coral.*

Yes No

Material which is likely to cause offence to a reasonable adult. This may include, but is not limited to: *child pornographic material, child abuse material, material which may promote, incite or instruct in matters of crime or violence or misuse of a drug, or sexual material (including bestiality).*

Yes No

I declare that the above particulars are to the best of my knowledge true and correct and that I have understood the questions contained in this form and the answers to those questions are true and correct.

Signature of owner

Date

Section Four**Do your unaccompanied effects contain any of the following goods?****Australian and/or Foreign currency** in the amount of \$10,000 Australian or more. Yes No

If yes, please list the amount(s) in Australian dollars

Medicines (whether prescribed by a medical practitioner or not) including but not limited to: herbal. Yes No

If yes, please provide a list of the goods

Section Five**Do your unaccompanied effects contain any of the following goods? If you tick 'yes' to any question, describe the goods in the table below.***Cigarettes, cigars or tobacco* Yes No*Alcoholic liquor including: spirits, wine or beer.* Yes No*Motor vehicle, motorcycle, trailers or watercraft.* Yes No*Goods belonging to any person other than you or those who accompanied you on your arrival in Australia.* Yes No*Goods for commercial purposes, including goods for sale, lease, hire or exchange.* Yes No*Other goods owned by you for less than 12 months.* Yes No**If insufficient space, attach a separate sheet**

Description	Price or estimated price \$AUS	Date of purchase

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Any goods owned by you for less than 12 months must be declared. Such goods will be assessed for duty and taxes. Penalties exist for not declaring such goods. Direct enquiries to your local Customs Information Centre on 1300 363 263.

Section Six

Within one month prior to shipping these effects to Australia, did you or any member of your family who arrived or will arrive with you, visit a place where farm animals are kept, including farming communities, research farms, sanctuaries and sale yards or visit an abattoir or any meat processing plant?

 Yes No

I declare that the above particulars are to the best of my knowledge true and correct and that I have understood the questions contained in this form and the answers to those questions are true and correct.

Signature of owner

Date

Section Seven**Do your unaccompanied effects contain any of the following goods, subject to animal quarantine laws, or wildlife export and import laws?****Animals** alive or dead including mammals, reptiles, fish, birds, insects or parts thereof or **Animal Products** including: *feathers, skins, horns, shells, hatching eggs, semen or embryos.* Yes No

If yes, please provide a list of the goods

Food of any kind (including any edible item) such as:*meat, poultry, eggs, dairy products, baby food, spreads and sauces, beverages and non-alcoholic drinks.* Yes No

If yes, please provide a list of the goods

Equipment used with horses or other animals including:*saddles, harnesses, whips, collars, brushes, blankets or rugs used as animal bedding.* Yes No

If yes, please provide a list of the goods

Biological specimens including:*vaccines, cultures, blood, cell samples or cell lines, semen or embryos.* Yes No

If yes, please provide a list of the goods

Section Eight**Do your unaccompanied effects contain any of the following goods, subject to plant quarantine laws?****Plants or parts of plants** live or dead including:*fruits, nuts, seeds, bulbs, leaves, wooden articles or articles made of plant material, cuttings, flowers, mushrooms, fungi, straw, bamboo, herbs or teas.* Yes No

If yes, please provide a list of the goods

Furniture or other articles of wood, cane or bamboo. Yes No

If yes, please provide a list of the goods

Soil or earth or goods containing soil, earth, rock or mineral samples. Yes No

If yes, please provide a list of the goods

Straw or wood packing material other than wood shavings or sawdust. Yes No**Egg or fruit cartons** used in packing. Yes No***I declare that the above particulars are to the best of my knowledge true and correct and that I have understood the questions contained in this form and the answers to those questions are true and correct.***

Signature of owner

Date

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**Goods declared****Action taken**

ICD number: