



## *Importing Personal Property Into Antigua & Barbuda*

### **HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS**

#### **CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

##### **Customs Regulations:**

All shipments are subject to inspection. The customer should be present at the destination. Customer MUST confirm with their Consulate to ensure goods in shipment can be imported. Current duty and tax rate is 78.25% of CIF value. Antiques and works of art can be re-exported from the islands free of duty

##### **Required Documents:**

- ✓ Passport including photo page
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill – original
- ✓ Commercial Invoice – signed by customer with a witness
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory including values of items.

##### **Diplomat Status:**

Foreign diplomats, members of government or international organizations are granted tax and duty free entry of their personal effects and household items either new or used.

##### **Required Documents:**

- ✓ Diplomatic Franchise
- ✓ Passport copy
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory list in English

#### **RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS**

The lists of both Restricted and Prohibited goods is extensive and varies depending on Country of Origin

- ✓ Plants, seeds, planting materials & products require a Phytosanitary certificate and Import permit
- ✓ Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and foodstuffs require an Import Permit when imported from non-OECS countries

#### **PROHIBITED ITEMS**

- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind
- ✓ Pornography and subversive material
- ✓ Firearms, explosives, ammunitions, & weapons of any kind

#### **IMPORTATION OF PETS**

Quarantine is not required. However if a pet looks ill or unhealthy upon examination by a Customs officer your pet will be kenneled in a government facility for 30 days.

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination – including rabies, dated less than 30 days prior to arrival, must have results of Rabies FAVN (antibody titer).
- ✓ Health Certificate - no more than 7 days prior to arrival, must be government issued. Pets must be treated for both internal and external parasites with an approved product and must be documented on the Health Certificate
- ✓ Veterinary Import License – obtained from the Veterinary and Livestock Division and issued pet and documents have been examined
- ✓ Certificate of Microchip

NOTE: Dogs of the “pitbull” breeds, types or mixes thereof are not allowed entry to Antigua and Barbuda. Any dog, which physically resembles this breed/type, must be accompanied by certification from a recognized kennel club, which verifies that the dog is not of this type. **Failure to comply with any of the requirements may result in refusal of entry of the pet into Antigua & Barbuda or confiscation of the pet.**

### IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Vehicles are subject to high import taxes and duties. Amount of duty for vehicles up to 1999 cc = 92.25% of CIF value and 2000 cc and up = 112.5% of CIF value. Used vehicles are appraised by Customs Valuation officers.

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration
- ✓ Commercial/Purchase Invoice – for new vehicles
- ✓ Import License & original ECCM commercial invoice, signed

### NOTES:

**Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials:** As of this posting Antigua & Barbuda do not require ISPM15 for wood packaging material (WPM).

**Personal Items:** The importation and wearing of camouflage clothing is prohibited in Antigua and Barbuda. Leave such items at home to avoid confiscation. Registering items such as laptops, cameras, watches, and other costly devices with Customs before leaving the country will keep you from having to pay expensive customs duty on items you already have. You can get a Certificate of Registration or bring your sales receipts or insurance forms.

**Consular Services:** Consular Services for Antigua and Barbuda are covered by the [U.S. Embassy in Bridgetown](#), Barbados. The U.S. Embassy maintains a Consular Agency in Antigua, located at Suite #2 Jasmine Court, Friars Hill Road, St. John's

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service [www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov)

IATA Travel Centre

Antigua & Barbuda official site: [www.antigua-barbuda.org](http://www.antigua-barbuda.org)

Veterinary and Livestock Division - Antigua: [vld@ab.gov.ag](mailto:vld@ab.gov.ag)

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.