



Importing Personal Property Into Georgia

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 and **MUST** have a valid Georgian Visa. Used household goods and personal effects are considered commercial cargo and are subject to payment of import duties at 12%, fee and VAT at 18%. All duties are charged in C.I.F. (cost, insurance and freight) value.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport copy including photo page
- ✓ Visa copy
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill/CMR
- ✓ Valued inventory and Packing list in English or Russian
- ✓ Power of Attorney from a Registered company in Georgia such as your Employer

Note: Valued inventory lists are for Customs clearance only, therefore the value does not have to be the same as used for insurance purposes along with the shipping documents.

Diplomat Status:

Most members of government or international organizations are granted duty-free entry of their personal effects and household items either new or used. And all Embassies are exempted from paying duties.

Required Documents:

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

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- ✓ Firearms require an original invoice & registration at origin.
- ✓ Wine and Spirits – 3 litres of wine & 10 litres of beer for personal consumption. Any over that amount will incur taxes & duty as follows:
 - Excise Duty - \$1.00USD per litre
 - Customs Duty – 30% of value depending on the % of alcohol content
 - VAT – 18% of value
 - Customs Procedures Duty – 0.2%
- ✓ Art, antiques, carpets/rugs, paintings and any artifact of historical value have special instructions. Please refer to the NOTES section at the end of this profile if importing and subsequently exporting such belongings.
- ✓ Export of locally purchased works of art and rugs – requires permission from the Ministry of Culture

PROHIBITED ITEMS

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

IMPORTATION OF PETS

Quarantine is not required at this time. If shipped as cargo, invoice must be presented. No further restrictions apply.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination – including rabies, dated less than 30 days prior to arrival
- ✓ Health Certificate - dated less than 10 days prior to arrival

IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Vehicles and motorcycles can be imported on a temporary basis for a period of one year. It is possible to extend this temporary import for an additional year maximum. The customer is exempt from import duties. However, must provide a bank guarantee for the amount of VAT (18% of the valued inv. CIF) for the period of the temporary import.

Permanent import of vehicles and motorcycles are subject to the tax and duties as per the customs tariff.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration - must be original
- ✓ Commercial/Purchase Invoice – must be original

NOTES:

Packing/Shipping Tips: DO NOT attach the inventory list used for insurance purposes with shipping documents enclosed with the shipment. Pre-Alert your service agent with copies of the AWB/BOL/CMR, Valued Inventories and Shipping Schedules via fax well in advance.

Special Instructions for Works of Art: When importing any such item have 2 sets of photographs for each item. The photos must have dimensions and value of the item either on the front or back. One set will accompany the shipping documents. The 2nd set should be sent to your Destination Agent in advance via courier. Your Agent will then have the photos endorsed by a Customs Agent at the time of inspection of the shipment. This process alleviates delays upon exportation of the items.

Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials: At this time Georgia does not require the ISPM15 requirement for wood packaging material (WPM).

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Embassy of Georgia: <http://www.georgiaemb.org/>

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.