



# *Importing Personal Property Into Kyrgyzstan*

## **HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS**

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

#### **Customs Regulations:**

Used household goods and personal effects are duty free provided goods are being imported on a temporary basis. Client should be employed with a registered Kyrgyz company. The client must be present at the destination with the appropriate visa. Client is subject to a nominal Customs fee of 0.15% of stated CIF value. Air shipments are subject to 0.39 of stated CIF value.

All non-diplomatic shipments are subject to intensive Customs inspection. Thus, Customs Authority reserves the right to re-evaluate the shipment's cost and re-calculate Customs fees based on the evaluation. Vehicles may be included in the same shipment. It is important to contact the Destination Agent to confirm the vehicle import process prior to consigning the shipment. All new items will be levied a tax. The goods must be imported within six months of arrival. Items can not be sold, lent or otherwise disposed of during stay.

**Important:** Valued Inventory Lists are strictly required by Customs. The value does not have to be the same as on stated for insurance purposes. In fact, the Valued List of Consumables should be undervalued to minimize duty fees. The Valued Inventory for Temporary Import should be explicit such as: dining table w/6 chairs, 1 king bed, 2 double beds etc. it is advised not to include the insurance documents with the shipping papers.

**Returning Kyrgyz nationals** are not permitted to import household goods and personal effects duty- free on a temporary import status, thus liable to pay full taxes and duties.

#### **Required Documents:**

- ✓ Passport with Kyrgyz Visa – copy, original may be requested
- ✓ Residence Permit or Work Permit
- ✓ Pro Forma Invoice – with stated value for Customs
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill/CMR – original
- ✓ Comprehensive Valued Inventory – in English or Russian, dated & signed by owner; 1 list for consumables the other list for items of temporary import
- ✓ Pack list - in English or Russian
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance
- ✓ T6 Form
- ✓ Letter from Kyrgyz employer

#### **Diplomat Status:**

Foreign diplomats, members of government or international organizations are granted duty free entry of their personal effects and household goods.

#### **Required Documents:**

- ✓ Diplomatic Protocol – obtained from Kyrgyz government
- ✓ Diplomatic Passport or Card – copy, original may be requested
- ✓ Letter from Diplomat's organization or mission
- ✓ Comprehensive Valued Inventory – dated & signed by owner
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance

## RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- ✓ Currency, precious jewelry & stones can only be imported as accompanied baggage; must be declared to Customs Authority upon arrival; store the declaration as it will be used upon departure
- ✓ Appliances/Electronics – must have serial numbers stated on the inventory
- ✓ Prescription medications – require a health certificate
- ✓ Firearms & ammunition- requires a permit from local police
- ✓ New items – (less than 6 months) must have invoices/receipts
- ✓ Tobacco – 200 cigarettes or 250 grams of loose tobacco, in excess of these amounts incurs duty
- ✓ Consumable Products – such as make-up, lotion, toothpaste, sanitary products etc are not considered HHG/Personal effects thus subject to tax & duty; must have a separate inventory list
- ✓ Alcohol – 1 liter per person allowed duty free; in excess of this is subject to duties & taxes as follows: VAT of 12% + excise & Customs duties depending on alcohol per centage

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind
- ✓ Pornography and subversive material
- ✓ Explosives, ammunitions and weapons of all types unless otherwise approved
- ✓ Radioactive materials

## IMPORTATION OF PETS

Receipt of documentation is required 10 days prior to arrival of pets.

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination – including rabies, less than 6 months prior to arrival
- ✓ Health Certificate - by a Veterinarian at origin

## IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Vehicles can be subject to 3% of VAT and 0.15% monthly charge for length of employment contract. Vehicles including motorcycles must be exported at the end of the client's tenure. Permanent importation is subject to tax and duty. Sale of vehicles on temporary Import status is not permitted until the Customs duty and VAT is paid in full.

The OBL must show chassis & engine numbers, cubic capacity, year of manufacture, brand and model.

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration - must be original
- ✓ Commercial/Purchase Invoice – must be original
- ✓ Drivers License & International Insurance Policy (green card)
- ✓ OBL

**Consignment Instructions:** Once shipment is booked, fax pre-alert to Destination Agent along with a copy of AWB/BL/CMR., pack list, passport copy including visa page and full contact details of the consignee. Verify consignment instructions with the agent prior to dispatch of the shipment.

Mark waybills “Used Household goods and personal effects.”

Do not attach the inventory lists used for insurance purposes with the documents enclosed with the shipment. Only the valued consumables list and valued list for temporary import should be attached to the shipping documents for Customs purposes.

## NOTES:

**Entry & Exit Requirements:** All foreigners present in the Kyrgyz Republic for more than 60 days must register at the local police office. Failure to do so may cause difficulties when exiting the country. Individuals traveling to the Kyrgyz Republic to perform religious work or work in affiliation with any religious organization in any capacity are required by Kyrgyz law to declare so on their visa applications. Individuals engaging in any type of missionary activity must obtain a work visa and register with the Office of Religious Affairs after arrival.

The Embassy recommends that U.S. citizens traveling in the Kyrgyz Republic also obtain Kazakh visas, as commercial air travel out of the Kyrgyz Republic is limited and U.S. citizens may need to travel through Kazakhstan to return to the United States. Travelers intending to transit through Russia en route to a third country must have a Russian transit visa. Even travelers who are simply changing planes in Moscow or another international airport in Russia for an onward destination will be asked to present a transit visa issued by a Russian Embassy or Consulate. Russian authorities may refuse entry to travelers who do not have visas.

U.S. citizens are encouraged to carry a copy of their U.S. passport and Kyrgyz visa with them at all times, so that, if questioned by local officials, proof of identity and citizenship are readily available.

**Safety & Security:** US citizens are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program, to stay current with the latest safety and security announcements dispersed by the Embassy in your area. Your enrollment can also help the Department of State reach your family and friends in case of emergency.

The Department of State suggests that U.S. citizens limit travel to the Batken, Osh, and Jalalabad Oblasts where violence has broken out several times in recent years. Travel of U.S. government employees to Batken is currently restricted. Land mines in Batken Oblast and near the Kyrgyz-Tajik border continue to be a concern.

**Crime:** The U.S. Embassy advises U.S. citizens to exercise caution in urban areas of the Kyrgyz Republic due to the high rate of violent crime against foreigners. There have been reports of violent muggings of foreigners in downtown Bishkek at night. Other common crimes include auto theft and pick pocketing in crowded places such as markets, internet cafes, and on public transportation. Avoid the use of unlicensed cabs instead use only radio dispatched taxis. Arrange transportation in advance of arrival at Manas International Airport.

Police officers rarely speak English and there are no victims' assistance programs available.

One may be taken in for questioning by the police if their passport is not presented.

**Currency:** The Kyrgyz Republic is a mostly cash-based economy, although credit cards can be used at major Western-style stores and some restaurants. ATMs are available, although you should use only those installed at bank branches or large, reputable hotels.

**Health:** Some HIV/AIDS entry restrictions exist for visitors and foreign residents in the Kyrgyz Republic. The law states that visitors staying more than one month must present evidence that they are HIV negative. This restriction has not been actively enforced, but enforcement could begin without notice. Insulin and pain medications are not widely available and may be restricted at times. One is advised to bring enough medication for the duration of their stay.

Tuberculosis is an increasingly serious health concern in the Kyrgyz Republic.

The [Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Bishkek](#) maintains a list of local clinics that have agreed to provide medical care to U.S. citizens.

**Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials:** As of this posting Kyrgyzstan does not impose ISPM15 requirements and regulations for wood packaging material (WPM).

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Embassy of Kyrgyz Republic: <http://www.kgembassy.org>

US Embassy in Kyrgyz Republic: <http://bishkek.usembassy.gov/index.html>

Department of State: [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_945.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_945.html)

Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>

International Association of Movers

USDA: [www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov)

IATA Travel Centre

Visa HQ.com

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