



# *Importing Personal Property Into Macau*

## **HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS**

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

#### **Customs Regulations:**

Used household goods and personal effects are duty free provided goods have been owned and used by the customer for a minimum of six months and customer has lived abroad for at least one year. 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. All shipments will be cleared at the port and unloaded at a warehouse pending delivery by truck. Containers are not normally delivered to the residence. Personal effects can not be mixed with commercial goods, which often include home office items. Consult with the Destination Agent for further clarification.

#### **Required Documents:**

- ✓ Passport - copy of identification pages only
- ✓ Birth Certificates - for Children in applicable
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill – original, name must be the same as on passport
- ✓ Comprehensive Valued Inventory – dated & signed by owner
- ✓ Pack list
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance
- ✓ Import Declaration

#### **Diplomat Status:**

Foreign diplomats, members of government or international organizations are granted tax and duty free entry of their personal effects and household goods. All documents must arrive to the Destination Agent 15 days prior to arrival to obtain free entry from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

#### **Required Documents:**

- ✓ Diplomatic Franchise
- ✓ Passport - original
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory –dated & signed by owner
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance

### **RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS**

- ✓ Appliances/Electronics – include receipts; state make, model & serial numbers
- ✓ Home PCs & Laptops – all software must be original
- ✓ Prescription medications – require prescriptions, must be hand-carried
- ✓ Firearms - requires a Firearm Certificate issued by Police Authority controlling area in which the transferee intends to reside. Must be obtained prior to arrival
- ✓ Perfume & Tobacco – incurs duty
- ✓ Alcohol – wine requires a list stating brand, type, volume, alcohol % and price per bottle and total value of collection, wine is duty free; liquor with alcohol over 30% incurs 100% duty; liquor under 30% is duty free

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind
- ✓ Pornography and subversive material
- ✓ Explosives, including fireworks, ammunitions and weapons unless otherwise approved
- ✓ Gambling equipment
- ✓ Food – non perishable food in cans or durable containers is allowed but discouraged

## IMPORTATION OF PETS

Pets must be forwarded as manifested cargo under an Airway Bill. The vaccination record and health certificate must accompany the pet. Pets are inspected upon arrival. Quarantine is required for up to four months at an approved facility.

Length of quarantine depends up country of origin. Consult Destination Agent for details.

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination – including rabies, less than 6 months prior to arrival
- ✓ Health Certificate - by a Veterinarian at origin
- ✓ Import Permit – obtained from Animal Health Department prior to arrival into Macau
- ✓ AWB- state age, breed, sex, color and name

## IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Vehicles are subject to high import taxes and duties and a registration levy. Only right had vehicles are allowed. Must be imported by a professional automobile importer. Used vehicles are prohibited.

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration - must be original
- ✓ Commercial/Purchase Invoice – must be original
- ✓ Drivers License & International Insurance Policy (green card)
- ✓ OBL - list chassis & engine numbers, cubic capacity, year of manufacture, brand & model

### NOTES:

**Entry & Exit Requirements:** Macau, is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC). Visas can be obtained from the Immigration Services through Embassies/Consulates of the PRC and should be used within the validity. All U.S. citizens entering Macau on their U.S. passports, including such persons as may be considered PRC nationals by the PRC authorities, are considered to be U.S. citizens by the Macau SAR authorities for purposes of ensuring U.S. consular access and protection. If you hold a Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card or a Hong Kong Re-entry Permit, you may use either document to enter Macau for a maximum stay of up to one year. One must have a PRC visa if you plan to travel to the PRC from Macau. You should apply for the PRC visa at the PRC embassy or consulate where you reside. In some cases you can get a PRC visa at the PRC Visa Office in Macau; however, there are limitations depending on the visa category.

**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 US Consulate in Hong Kong has jurisdiction in Macau.

**Crime:** Petty crimes occur, especially in tourist and casino areas. While the Macau government does not have an office for crime victim assistance, the social welfare department offers support to crime victims.

**Currency:** There are no currency restrictions in Macau. Although the pataca is the official currency in Macau, Hong Kong currency is commonly used and widely accepted in transactions. Credit cards and

ATM network debit cards are widely accepted in Macau.

**Health:** Major hospitals in Macau have adequate medical facilities. Highly developed medical facilities and trained personnel are available in Hong Kong

Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials: Consult the Destination Agent regarding ISPM15 regulations for wood packaging material (WPM).

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:**

Embassy of China: <http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/>

Macau Customs Service: <http://www.customs.gov.mo/en/index1.htm>

Department of State: [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_955.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_955.html)

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

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

IATA Travel Centre

International Association of Movers

FIDI Global Alliance

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