

# Importing Personal Property Into Tajikistan

# **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 have a valid visa. The customer should be employed by a registered company in Tajikistan. Household goods and personal effects are allowed entry tax and duty-free on a temporary basis which is valid until the work contract has expired and the customer is exporting their belongings out of Tajikistan.

A limited amount of consumables such as cosmetics, foodstuffs and beverages is also allowed importation tax and duty-free.

#### **Required Documents:**

- ✓ Passport including photo page and 2 additional passport photos
- ✓ Visa must be obtained prior to departure and valid for entire length of stay
- ✓ Power of Attorney for Destination Agent to clear shipment
- ✓ Confirmation of Employment
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill Mark clearly "Used Household Goods & Personal Effects"
- ✓ Pack List -All electronics and electrical appliances must state serial numbers on the packing list
- ✓ Valued Inventory in English or Russian

**Note**: the valued inventory is for customs purposes only therefore, the value does not have to be the same as used for the insurance purposes. It is recommended to under declare the value of goods in order to avoid unnecessary problems with local customs authorities at times of import and again at export. Do Not attach the "Valued Inventory List" used for insurance purposes with the other shipping documents, only the "under declared" valued inventory list should be enclosed.

# **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 or Russian

# RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- ✓ Allowance of wine and spirits is limited to 1 litre per person tax & duty free. All excess is subject to tax and duties as follows:
  - o Excise duty \$1.00USD per litre
  - o Customs duty- up to 30% of value depending on alcohol percentage
  - $\circ$  VAT 20% of value
  - Customs Procedure duty 0.2 % of value

✓ Books, CD's, DVD's, audio & video must include title, author/artist, year/year of publication and topic of each item individually on the inventory list.

#### **PROHIBITED ITEMS**

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

# **IMPORTATION OF PETS**

Quarantine is not required at this time. Please check with your service agent prior to consigning any pets for more updated information.

#### **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 including motorbikes can be imported tax and duty-free on a temporary basis. Sale of the vehicle is strictly prohibited and vehicle must be exported out of Tajikistan at the end of the customer's tenure. Permanent import of autos and motorbikes are subject to the tax and duties as per tariff.

# **Required Documents:**

- ✓ Copy of passport & visa
- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration
- ✓ Commercial/Purchase Invoice

#### **NOTES:**

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

**New Visa Requirements:** Effective August 1, 2009, Tajik authorities do not accept passports with extension stamps and passports with supplementary visa pages for processing of Tajik visas. The visa should be valid for the entire period of stay in country, through departure, and travelers should ideally request visas that allow for changing travel dates

**Pre-Alert**: It is advantageous to pre-alert the Destination Agent with copies of way bill, pack list, inventory list, and sailing schedule via fax in advance. And consign the shipment directly to the service agent as well including full name, address, and telephone number.

**Precious jewelry, stones and currency:** These can only be imported as accompanied baggage and MUST be declared at Customs upon arrival at the airport. The declaration must be kept as it will be required to be presented to Customs authorities at time of departure and exportation of goods.

Works of Art & Antiques: Art, antiques, rugs and artifacts must be registered with the Ministry of Culture upon arrival and a document from the Ministry recording the items must be obtained. This will assist with exportation of these items after the work contract expires. It is suggested to have photographs of each piece. Documented items will not require an export permit. Items of a similar nature purchased in Tajikistan will need to be presented to the Ministry of Culture to determine if an item is valuable to Tajik culture. Antiques are defined on a case by case basis. It takes 4-5 days to obtain an export permit after items have been presented to the Ministry of Culture.

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The information presented herein his 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.