



Importing Personal Property Into Uzbekistan

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Customs Regulations:

All shipments are subject to inspection. The customer **MUST** be present during Customs clearance. Used household goods and personal effects require either bank guarantee or a bond. Household goods and personal effect are subject to duty.

Returning Uzbek Citizens: Returning citizens can import their household goods and personal effects tax and duty-free **ONE TIME** with the proper documentation below. Returning citizens **MUST** be present during Customs clearance and must have lived abroad for a minimum of 12 months. Their goods must be used and in their possession for at least 12 months. If a second shipment or more is expected those goods will be subject to tax and duty.

Required Documents: Foreigners

- ✓ Passport - Original
- ✓ Visa
- ✓ Pro-Forma Invoice with stated value of goods for Customs purposes
- ✓ AWB/BOL/CMR
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory including values of items.
- ✓ Copy of residence permit issued by the Ministry of Internal Affairs or housing lease
- ✓ Power of Attorney for Destination Agent to import the shipment
- ✓ Work Permit – copy
- ✓ Owners Declaration attesting to HHG

Required Documents: Returning Uzbek Citizens

- ✓ AWB/BOL/CMR
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory – stamped at origin by the sender
- ✓ Statement from Employer confirming citizen has lived abroad for 12 months or more and that the HHG are used and have been in their possession for that length of time as well
- ✓ If citizen owns a dwelling they must show proof they will live there for 2 years and **NOT** lease it to a 3rd party in his/her absence.

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. Diplomats need not be present during Customs clearance process.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Diplomatic Franchise & Visa
- ✓ Letter from the Embassy & Diplomatic Protocol from the Embassy of origin
- ✓ Diplomatic Passport –Original, and one color photo
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory list in English
- ✓ Pro-Forma Invoice with stated value of goods for Customs purposes
- ✓ AWB/BOL/CMR

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- ✓ Video cameras must be declared upon arrival
- ✓ Allowed 1,000 cigarettes or 1,000 grams of tobacco products duty-free
- ✓ 1 ½ litres of spirits or 2 litres of wine duty free, beyond that amount will incur duty charges

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind
- ✓ Pornography and subversive material especially against Islam or Uzbekistan
- ✓ Weapons of any kind, explosives, ammunitions
- ✓ Toxic and radioactive materials
- ✓ Export of any items which is considered to be of cultural and historical value such as; antiques, carpets, painting, books and icons
- ✓ Pigeons
- ✓ Fruits and vegetables

IMPORTATION OF PETS

Cats, dogs and birds (except pigeons) are allowed importation with the below documentation. Upon arrival the pet will be examined by a veterinarian at the airport. There is a fee on average of \$30.00USD per animal for the examination. It takes up to 2 days to clear a pet. Quarantine is not required at this time.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Origin
- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination – including rabies, dated at least 30 days prior to arrival
- ✓ Health Certificate - dated 10 days prior to arrival, must have seal from local Board of Health
- ✓ Power of Attorney for Destination Agent to clear pet through Customs

IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

All vehicles are subject to import taxes and duties. The amount depends on condition of the vehicle. Diplomats can import vehicles more than seven years old, but the vehicle can not be sold. Engine size must be stated.

Required Documents: Diplomat

- ✓ Diplomatic Protocol from Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ✓ All Vehicle Details – with stamp from Embassy
- ✓ Customs Border Report
- ✓ Invoice
- ✓ CMR – If vehicle is imported via truck

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration & owner's manual
- ✓ Purchase Invoice/ or statement of value
- ✓ Customs Border Report
- ✓ CMR – If vehicle is imported via truck
- ✓ Statement by owner on company letterhead stating place of residence in Uzbekistan
- ✓ Copy of owner's ID

NOTES:

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

Currency Notice: Most transactions are conducted on a cash-only, local currency (soum) basis. Credit cards are accepted only at the main hotels and a few shops and restaurants; Traveler's Checks can be cashed into dollars at the National Bank of Uzbekistan. The commission fee is two percent. Importation of currency exceeding \$10,000 (US) is subject to a one- percent duty. Foreigners must complete a customs declaration upon entering Uzbekistan and may face fines upon departure if unable to produce certificates verifying legal conversion of foreign currency. Old U.S. dollar bills (prior to 1990) and/or those in poor condition (with tears, writing or stamps) are not acceptable forms of currency in Uzbekistan. Although payment in U.S. dollars is required for certain hotel charges, airline tickets, and visa fees, other dollar transactions, as well as black market currency exchanges, are prohibited.

Works of Art & Jewelry: Art, antiques, rugs and jewelry 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 Uzbekistan will need to be presented to the Ministry of Culture to determine if an item is valuable to Uzbek 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.

Valued Inventory: Valued Inventory list of items intended for temporary import should be descriptive, i.e. dining table with 6 chairs, double bed set, 6 drawer dresser etc. Electrical appliances must be clearly mentioned including serial numbers. It is suggested to declare low value items as well. Valued inventory lists are for Customs purposes only there for the values do not have to be the same as used for insurance purposes. It is strictly advised to NOT enclose the list used for insurance purposes along with the shipping documents.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Embassy of Uzbekistan: <http://www.uzbekistan.org/consular/visa/>

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www.aphis.usda.gov

IATA Travel Centre

VisaHQ

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.