



## *Importing Personal Property Into Iceland*

### **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. The goods must be imported within one year. Items, including vehicles can not be sold, lent or otherwise disposed of and must be re-exported upon departure from Iceland unless items were expendable.

##### **Required Documents:**

- ✓ Passport - copy
- ✓ Residence Visa – obtained from the Directorate for Immigration
- ✓ Work Permit
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill – original
- ✓ Comprehensive Inventory – in English
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance

##### **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
- ✓ Comprehensive Inventory – in English
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance

#### **RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS**

- ✓ Alcohol & Tobacco products
- ✓ Electronics & appliances – only one of each is allowed
- ✓ Telephones & other communication devices & remote control devices, transmitters etc – subject to a permit from the Post and Telecom Administration
- ✓ Fishing equipment, including waders and rubber boots, which have been used abroad must be disinfected according to valid rules (immersion for 10 minutes in a 2% formaldehyde solution). A certificate of disinfection issued by an authorized veterinary officer will be acceptable
- ✓ Hunting Guns – requires a permit from the local Police Authority, those with a European Firearms Permit may import under that permit so long as it is the same gun
- ✓ Musical instruments
- ✓ Plants, bulbs, tubers – require a Phytosanitary certificate at origin and endorsed by the Icelandic Agricultural Research Institute
- ✓ Books, CD's, DVD's, films etc are all subject to inspection and censorship

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind & poisons
- ✓ Medication – except in small quantities (up to 100 days) & physician's prescription
- ✓ Pornography and subversive material
- ✓ Explosives, ammunitions and weapons
- ✓ Live animals and birds – require a permit from the Ministry of Agriculture
- ✓ Used riding gear – saddles, bridles, halters etc

## IMPORTATION OF PETS

**Pets are prohibited**

## IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Vehicles including motorcycles and caravans can be imported duty-free for stays up to 12 months. The Director of Customs at point of unloading is in charge of registering and surveillance of the vehicle. In the event the client's stay goes beyond 1 year the client must present himself to the Customs Director who cleared the vehicle and explain the extended stay. The vehicle will then under go final Customs clearance or must be exported. Before final clearance is granted, a permanent registration number for the vehicle must have been obtained from the Icelandic Vehicle Inspectorate Ltd. Vehicles must be re-exported when stay in Iceland is over.

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration
- ✓ Drivers License – valid in Iceland & original US license
- ✓ International Insurance Policy (green card)
- ✓ Declaration for Temporary Duty Free Importation of Vehicle/Vessel

### NOTES:

**Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials:** As of this posting Iceland does not impose ISPM15 regulations for wood packaging material (WPM) being imported. NO implementation date has been announced as of yet.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Embassy of Iceland: <http://www.iceland.org/us/the-embassy/consular-service/moving-to-Iceland/>

Iceland website: <http://www.island.is/english>

Department of State:

Iceland website: [www.tollur.is](http://www.tollur.is)

Atelier: [www.atelier4.com](http://www.atelier4.com)

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