



Importing Personal Property Into Kosovo

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Customs Regulations:

Used household goods and personal effects are subject to a duty rate of 10% on value of the shipment and 15% VAT. Non-governmental organizations are exempt from any Customs duty on their official effects but must pay the VAT tax. Returning citizens must be present for the clearance process. And they cannot import their goods duty free.

Note: Valued inventory lists are for Customs purposes only; therefore the stated values of items need not be the same as those stated for insurance purposes. Valued Inventory lists must be descriptive e.g. dining table with 6 chairs, double bed set, etc. It is strictly advised to not include the inventory list used for insurance purposes with the shipping documents.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport - copy
- ✓ Residence Visa
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill –copies
- ✓ Pro-Forma Invoice – include stated values for Customs purposes only
- ✓ Pack List – copy
- ✓ Registration Permit – obtained from Directorate for Migration and Foreigners, Police Headquarters, Pristina, Kosovo

Diplomat Status:

Diplomats are not required to be present during Customs clearance. Individuals exempt from Customs duties on their personal and professional effects are: Diplomats and their families representing a mission in Kosovo and individuals of international organizations.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Diplomatic Protocol from the Embassy
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill - copies
- ✓ Pro-Forma Invoice – include stated values for Customs purposes only

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- ✓ Works of Art, Carpets, Antiques & Jewelry
- ✓ Appliances & Electronics - must list all serial numbers
- ✓ Alcohol
- ✓ Tobacco

PROHIBITED ITEMS

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

- ✓ Toxic/radioactive materials
- ✓ Export of antiques, carpets, paintings, books or icons considered to be of cultural and historic value

IMPORTATION OF PETS

Quarantine is not required. Consult your Destination Agent for the latest requirements before consigning any pets.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Pet Passport & copy of client's passport
- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination – including rabies, dated 30 days to 6 months prior to arrival
- ✓ Health Certificate - dated no more than 10 days prior to arrival

IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Client must be present at Customs to clear the vehicle. Vehicles can not be more than six (6) years old. Vehicles are subject to 10-15% duty rate charged on the estimated value. Diplomats may import a vehicle duty-free.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration - must be original
- ✓ Commercial/Purchase Invoice – must be original
- ✓ Drivers License

NOTES:

Consular Services: At this time U.S. Embassy Pristina provides only emergency services to American citizens. U.S. Embassy Skopje, Macedonia, provides all routine consular services such as passport and visa processing.

Entry & Exit Requirements: Kosovo declared independence in February 2008. The UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) transferred nearly all of its remaining rule of law functions to the European Union Rule of Law Mission (EULEX) on December 9, 2008. While Kosovo's government and institutions have sole responsibility for administration of the state, international presences remain active., including police and military peacekeeping forces. Civilian institutions, including the criminal justice system, are not presently functioning at a level consistent with Western standards. Kosovo is a cash economy (Euro).

U.S. citizens should not attempt to travel to Serbia from Kosovo without an entry stamp from a Serbia border crossing post; however, a stamp from a crossing point between Serbia and Kosovo is not sufficient. Serbia does not recognize entry stamps by Kosovo border authorities at Kosovo ports of entry, including Pristina Airport.

Safety & Security: The NATO-led Kosovo Force (KFOR), along with local police and assisted by international police, are responsible for security and stability in Kosovo. Although the overall security situation has improved, inter-ethnic tensions and sporadic incidents of violence continue to occur. Per standing security instructions, U.S. Government officials may only travel to parts of northern Kosovo for official business; these restrictions will remain in place for the foreseeable future. U.S. citizens should avoid demonstrations and other sites, such as roadblocks, where large crowds are gathered. U.S. citizens should particularly try to avoid events involving political/ethnic causes. While de-mining programs have proven effective, unexploded ordnance and mines remain in some areas.

Crime: High unemployment and other economic factors encourage criminal activity. Street crimes, in particular theft and purse snatchings, are serious problems in Kosovo, especially in Pristina. Foreigners can be targets of crime, as criminals assume that they carry cash. Likewise, foreigners' homes, vehicles and international non-governmental organization (NGO) offices can be targeted for burglaries.

Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials: As of this posting Kosovo does not implement standards of ISPM15 for wood packaging material (WPM).

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U.S Embassy Kosovo: <http://pristina.usembassy.gov/>

U.S Embassy Macedonia: <http://macedonia.usembassy.gov/>

USDA: www.aphis.usda.gov

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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.