



# *Importing Personal Property into Lebanon*

## **HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS**

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

#### **Customs Regulations:**

**Customer must be in Lebanon during Customs clearance. Used household goods can be imported duty free so long as all of the required documents are present otherwise a bond can be placed until the documents are available. Shipment should arrive within three months from the date on the certificate of "Change of Residence."**

#### **Required Documents: Foreigners/Expatriates**

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Inventory List- notarized the Lebanese Embassy/Consulate at origin
- ✓ Certificate of Change of Residence - notarized the Lebanese Embassy/Consulate at origin and local authorities
- ✓ Contract/Lease of Residence in Lebanon – notarized by the Municipality
- ✓ Work Permit & Residence Permit – non-Lebanese

In lieu of the work or residence permits, the shipment can still be processed through Customs upon presentation of a local Bank Guarantee, provided by the client, for the equivalent amount of the duty on the shipment as assessed by Customs. The customer will be given ninety (90) days to provide/complete the above listed requirements, at which time the guarantee maybe retrieved.

#### **Required Documents: Returning Lebanese Nationals**

- ✓ Proof of Residency abroad for a minimum of three (3) years, notarized by the Lebanese Embassy/Consulate at origin
- ✓ Inventory List- notarized the Lebanese Embassy/Consulate at origin
- ✓ A "Moving Certificate" issued and notarized by the Lebanese Embassy/Consulate, showing that the customer *is returning to live indefinitely in Lebanon.*

The customer cannot stay in the country of origin and send his/her household goods and personal effects. Returning Lebanese nationals can import his/her household goods and effects **one time only duty free**. Any other time he/she will have to pay Customs duties

#### **Diplomat Status:**

**Foreign diplomats are granted duty free entry**

#### **Required Documents:**

- ✓ Diplomatic Franchise
- ✓ Passport copy
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory list in English

### **RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS**

- ✓ Alcohol is permitted but more than a few bottles will incur duties
- ✓ Satellite dishes, all telephones and fax machines need approval from the Ministry of Defense
- ✓ New items 30% of estimated value plus 10% VAT

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Narcotics, non-branded drugs
- ✓ Any items which bear trade names included on the Israeli boycott list
- ✓ Pornography, obscene publications, videos & software
- ✓ All anti-religious materials and publications
- ✓ All weapons of any type, including air guns, and ammunitions including weapons of a decorative nature require prior licensing from the Ministry of Communications and Defense

## IMPORTATION OF PETS

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination – including rabies. Must be recent, not over 1 year

## IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

**Cars over eight (8) years old cannot be imported into Lebanon. Diesel Vehicles are not permitted**

**Duties are as follows:**

**Up to LL25 millions = 25%**

**Over LL25 millions = 35%**

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration
- ✓ Ocean Bill of Lading- indicate chassis & engine numbers, make, model, weight and color
- ✓ Purchase invoice - notarized the Lebanese Embassy/Consulate at origin

**NOTE: PASSPORT MUST NOT CONTAIN ANY EVIDENCE OF PRIOR OR INTENDED TRAVEL TO ISREAL.**

**Yellow Fever vaccination is required**

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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.