



Importing Personal Property Into Pakistan

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Customs Regulations:

All shipments are subject to inspection. The customer presence is required during shipment clearance. Used household goods and personal effects are allowed under “personal baggage” or “transfer of residence” and are duty free in reasonable quantity; excluding electronics and new furniture and other items in “Dutiable” category. Used furniture is allowed duty-free.

Clearance takes p to 4 days after receipt of documents.

NOTE: Shipments intended for inland ports MUST indicate the on-forwarding name of the port as “FINAL PORT OF DISCHARGE” and freight must be prepaid at origin. Currently transit from Karachi to other inland ports is 3-5 weeks.

Liftvans: must be by of reasonable size

Destination Agent: Customs Dept must be advised of Customer/Account before shipment moves.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport including photo page for each family member
- ✓ Visa – Pakistani issued at respective Consulate
- ✓ National Identity Card – copy, for returning Pakistani Nationals
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory – list of contents of each carton and each liftvan
- ✓ Customs Form “A”
- ✓ Work Permit – Foreign Nationals or NOC from Investment Promotion Bureau, Gov’t of Pakistan
- ✓ Letter from Employer - Attesting to length of stay (up to 3 years)
- ✓ Employer certificate
- ✓ Transfer of Residence

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 including new furniture. Diplomats may also import a vehicle tax and duty-free. Diplomat does not need to be present during clearance process. Clearance takes approximately 3 days after receipt of documents and discharge of cargo.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Diplomatic Passport
- ✓ Exemption Certificate from Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Islamabad, Pakistan
- ✓ OBL/AWB
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory list in English
- ✓ Authority Letter

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- ✓ Electronics and electrical items are subject to duty
- ✓ Major appliances and any new items
- ✓ Firearms require an original invoice & registration at origin.
- ✓ New furniture are subject to taxes of 100% of value, require original receipts, must be notated on inventory as “new”
- ✓ Perfumes, toiletries and foodstuffs

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind and cigarettes
- ✓ Liquor and wine – will be confiscated (only diplomats may import with an Exemption Certificate)
- ✓ Pornographic material and statues
- ✓ Any subversive material, material contrary to the faith of Islam & anti-government literature
- ✓ Goods bearing words or inscriptions of religious connotation
- ✓ Videos tapes, DVD's, any other type of film/movies
- ✓ Pork, pork products or by-products
- ✓ Cooking oil and any edible product not fit for human consumption i.e. dog food,
- ✓ Explosives, ammunitions and weapons of any kind
 - Diplomats require Arms license & Exemption Certificate to import a firearm

IMPORTATION OF PETS

Pets are subject to quarantine. Length of quarantine is determined by origin of pet. Domestic pets stay approximately 2 weeks unless the pet is in questionable health. During the quarantine period the customer provides the care including feedings. Customer's presence is required at time of clearance. Pets are allowed as accompanied or unaccompanied baggage. Destination Agent may clear the pets with permission from Customer. Please inquire with Destination Agent prior to importing a pet for current requirements.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Vaccination Certificate – Issued by a government authorized veterinarian with in 14 days of arrival
- ✓ Health Certificate - Issued by a government authorized veterinarian with in 14 days of arrival
- ✓ Owner's passport
- ✓ Quarantine Certificate

For additional information contact: **Animal Quarantine Department:**

69/4-5D Nursery Market, PECHS Block-6, Shara-e-Faisal
Karachi, Pakistan Tel: 92 (021) 4552679, fax: 92 (021) 4380646

IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Only Diplomats and returning Pakistani Nationals are allowed importation of a vehicle. Vehicles are subject to high import taxes and duties. Amount to be paid is based on C & F Value and cubic centimeters. Expect to pay 100% for automobiles of 1000cc, 1300cc is 150%, 1600cc is 200% and 2000cc is 350%.

Returning Pakistani Nationals can only import a vehicle under Permanent Transfer of Residence or if vehicle is a gift for one's wife or mother.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Certificate of Registration - must be original
- ✓ Commercial/Purchase Invoice – must be original
- ✓ Import Permit & Form “A”

NOTES:

Current Travel Warning: Travelers are currently advised against travel to Pakistan until further notice unless there are compelling reasons to do so. Travel to the North West Frontier Province, Baluchistan and the Northern Areas are particularly ill advised. Visitors whose stay in Pakistan exceeds 30 days must report to the nearest Foreigners Registration Office for registration. *Issued by the Dept of State- 7, Jan.2010*

Restricted entry and transit: The Government of Pakistan refuses entry to nationals of Israel, even for transit. Nationals of Afghanistan are refused entry if their passports or tickets show evidence of transit or boarding in India.

Health: Medical Clearance Certificate for the Swine Flu is now required for travel to Pakistan.

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Embassy of Pakistan - <http://embassyofpakistanusa.org/>

Government of Pakistan – www.pakistan.gov

IAM

www.aphis.usda.gov

IATA Travel Centre

Department of State

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.