



IMPORTING PERSONAL EFFECTS IN AUSTRALIA

BEFORE YOU LAND IN AUSTRALIA:

You will be given an Incoming Passenger Card before you land in Australia. This is a legal document. You must tick YES to declare if you are carrying any food, plant material or animals products. If you have items you don't wish to declare, you can dispose of them in quarantine bins in the airport terminal.

On arrival your baggage may be x-rayed, inspected or checked by a detector dog team. If you fail to declare or dispose of any quarantine items, or make a false declaration:

- You will be caught
- You could be fined \$220 on-the-spot, or
- You could be prosecuted and fines more than \$60,000 and risk 10 Years jail.

You will not be penalized if goods are declared.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

All shipments entering Australia are subject to a physical inspection by the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS). Inspection is conducted by AQIS approved facilities and usually takes up to 14 days to be cleared. Duty-free entry is permitted provided the goods and personal effects have been owned and used by the owner for at least 1 year. Household goods and personal effects may be cleared in advance of the client's arrival into Australia. All documents must be to the Destination Agent at least 10 days prior to the arrival of the vessel. All items in every carton must be stated on the Inventory List. If importing alcohol the bottles must be stated separately on the Alcohol Inventory List. Australian Customs Service requires the submission of a physical address for all importers of household goods 48 hours prior to arrival of the shipment. A PO Box or email address is not acceptable. Shipments lacking a physical address will be subject to heavy fines.

Further information can be obtained from the Australia Customs site:

http://www.customs.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/UPE_factsheet.pdf

A Customs form (B534) issue 6/00 (no earlier) Unaccompanied Baggage Statement must be signed and completed by the owner of the goods to clear the shipment when it arrives in Australia. Photocopies of passport pages including Australian entry stamp (some ports of entry require copy of all pages including blank pages) together with an all descriptive inventory in English are required to clear Customs.

Diplomat Status:

Foreign diplomats are granted duty free entry; however they are subjected to AQIS examination and applicable examination fees. Some Australian Ports of Arrival will require a Letter of Authority from diplomat's mission/organization.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

Documents required for Household goods/personal effects Customs Clearance:

- ✓ Passport- copy, including photo page, Australian port of entry. Some ports of entry require copy of all pages, including blank pages. The first page should be signed, dated and endorsed with the following statement. "I hereby declare this to be a true copy of my passport." This document must be faxed.

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- ✓ Unaccompanied Baggage Declaration (Customs Form B534) - original, must be completed and signed by the owner when the shipment arrives into Australia.
- ✓ Bill of Lading/ Air Waybill - (express B/L is acceptable)
- ✓ Australian Commercial Invoice – certified, for computing duties/taxes by customs officials
- ✓ Comprehensive Inventory - in English, “PBO” or “MISC” are not acceptable terms.
- ✓ Itemized list of articles/goods not in possession of shipper for at least 12 months
- ✓ Invoices and/or receipts for ALL items less than 12 months old and for ALL electronic items

Documents required for Diplomatic Shipment:

- ✓ Diplomatic Franchise or Diplomatic Passport - copy
- ✓ Customs Form B615 – completed by the Embassy or Consulate in Australia
- ✓ Comprehensive Inventory - in English
- ✓ Letter of Authority – if applicable, on letterhead or Form B534 may be used

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS:

- ✓ Alcohol - requires an Alcohol Inventory Form, list type of alcohol, amount imported, alcohol %, size & value (AUD) of each bottle. Incurs 5% duty + 10% GST & Wine Equalization Tax of 29%
- ✓ Intellectual Property
- ✓ Food Items - should not be included in the shipment. If inclusion of such items is required, than these items should be packed separately in one box and noted clearly on the inventory
- ✓ New furniture & household items – requires a B534 Form, receipts, subject to duties & GST
- ✓ Antiques – requires Form B534 & Lapada Certificate of Authenticity; duty free if over 100 years old; insufficient documentation may draw Customs Authority to involve verification from an Australian Antiquities expert at the client’s expense
- ✓ Firearms are subject to import restrictions and will be subject to release on approval from the Police authorities. All firearms and ammunitions must be declared to customs. The below steps should be taken prior to importation:
 - Contact the Police Department in the state of your final destination regarding regulations and to obtain approval for importing the firearm.
 - Firearm License - obtained from the Australian Police authorities in the region of your final destination.
 - The firearm can be imported duty-free if you have the Firearm License and the firearm passes the ballistics inspection by the Commonwealth Police.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- ✓ Controlled chemicals, Psychotropic Substances, DHEA steroids and performance enhancing drugs,
- ✓ Pornography, obscene publications, videos & software that promote or instruct violent behavior
- ✓ Indecent and obscene materials featuring children
- ✓ Reproductions of copyright materials and videos and counterfeit goods
- ✓ Weapons, swords, switchblades, martial arts equipment, fireworks and ammunitions
- ✓ Cordless telephones unless approved by the Spectrum Management Agency and the Australian Telecommunication Authority (AUSTEL)



- ✓ Plants, Birds, Animals (other than pets) meat, game, poultry and smokeless tobacco
- ✓ Skins, furs tusks etc from any animal mentioned on the Endangered Species List

IMPORTING VEHICLES:

The importation of motor vehicles into Australia is strictly controlled and there are no duty/GST free concessions available. This means that all motor vehicles, including motorcycles, will be subject to duty and/or GST which will be calculated on the value of the vehicle. In addition, high value vehicles will attract a Luxury Car Tax. There are also strict regulations for the registration of motor vehicles, including motorcycles, for road use in Australia.

All vehicles must comply with Australian Design Regulations which, in almost every case, will require modification to be undertaken to the vehicle to bring it up to the required standard. It is possible that in some instances a vehicle may not be able to be modified, or alternatively may require extensive modification so as to allow registration.

All vehicles are subject to duties and taxes. The vehicle must be steam cleaned, including the underside, and the interior vacuumed to remove all dirt, prior to shipment. Quarantine authorities will inspect the vehicle upon arrival. Vehicles 15 years or older are exempt from Compliance Plate restrictions, but must meet State or Territory vehicle registration requirements. Vehicles 30 years old or more are duty free.

- Client has had possession of the vehicle for at least 12 consecutive months.
- Client is or has applied to become an Australian citizen, or permanent resident.
- Client is eligible for a driver's license
- Road safety requirements will be met prior to registration
- Client has not imported a vehicle within a year of current importation

Required Documents:

- ✓ Copy of Certificate of Title and Registration
- ✓ Application for Vehicle Import Approval
- ✓ Proof of ownership of at least 1 year before importation – Such as original purchase invoice, insurance certificate, etc.
- ✓ Formal Customs Entry
- ✓ Passport – copy
- ✓ Car condition report & Police report – from origin offices
- ✓ Service & log books – maintenance receipts etc.

Note: Vehicles that arrive in Australia without an approval will be re-exported or destroyed and the importer may be fined up to \$13,000A.

IMPORTING PET:

Birds and prohibited animals will be destroyed upon arrival. All pets must be micro-chipped. Pets must have a Rabies Neutralizing Antibody Titer Test (RNATT) between 60 days to 1 year prior to exportation. The collection data should be at least 12 150 days before export to minimize the length of stay in quarantine. The test should occur at least 4 weeks after the rabies vaccination is administered.



Required Documents:

- ✓ Veterinary Certificate A & B: Completed and endorsed by an official veterinarian in the country of origin prior to shipment
- ✓ AQUIS Import Permit

FUMIGATION/STEAM CLEANING/TREATMENT:

Fumigation of wooden boats/canoes etc. is mandatory.

WPM not in compliance with ISPM 15 will be subject to existing alternative Australia Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) requirements and approved treatments. Alternative AQIS requirements and approved treatments may be found in the AQIS Cargo Containers Quarantine Aspects and Procedures document. Please note that while AQIS will accept a Phytosanitary certificate for WPM, it is against APHIS policy to issue Phytosanitary certificates for WPM to be used in the transport of commodities.

QUARANTINE INSPECTION:

Australia is very dependent upon primary industries such as livestock and agriculture. Australia is fortunate, indeed unique, in its freedom from many diseases of humans, animals and plants which affect other parts of the world. As a result, quarantine regulations are strict and, if in any doubt, please check with your OMNI agent at the port of entry into Australia prior to shipment.

While live animals are the greatest risk, animal products such as fresh and tinned MEAT, SALAMI, EGGS and DAIRY PRODUCTS are risk items. Many such articles or goods are prohibited, as are plants, soil, seeds, skins, shells and the like.

When importing a motor vehicle, motorbike, caravan or trailer the quarantine authorities will inspect the vehicle on arrival and may require it to be steam cleaned. Clearance will be assisted if all soil, etc., is removed from the vehicle (including underneath) before shipment. This also applies to any item which comes in contact with soil, e.g., lawn mowers, garden tools, garden furniture and bicycles.

**Customs requirements are established by the country of import and not by Servile Relocations Pvt. Ltd. The regulations, however, are subject to change without notice by the Australian Customs. Servile Relocations Pvt. Ltd. assumes no liability for the changes in the law.