



IMPORTING PERSONAL EFFECTS IN BANGLADESH

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It is important to note there are several different customs statuses when importing household goods into Bangladesh

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

*****THE CONSIGNEE MUST BE PRESENT IN BANGLADESH FOR THE CLEARANCE OF THE SHIPMENT.***

All shipments are subject to inspection.

Household goods must arrive within six (6) months of customer's arrival into Bangladesh. Used household goods, commercial goods and personal effects are subject to duty, tax and VAT unless one has Diplomatic Status.

Note: Stationary, home office furniture & equipment are considered commercial goods. Do not mix commercial goods with personal effects and household goods. Customers name on packages & documents must be the same as shown on Passport.

A. DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS:

Diplomatic personnel are allowed duty free clearance against Exemption Certificate which is issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

B. PRIVILEGED PERSONNEL SHIPMENTS:

Expatriates working with the UN agencies, World Bank and Foreign aided projects, are allowed duty free clearance against customs passbook, which is issued by the customs authorities after the arrival of the expatriate. All import shipments should arrive in Bangladesh within 6 months of the expatriate's arrival.

C. NON- PRIVILEGED PERSONNEL SHIPMENTS:

Shipments that do not apply to category A & B are not subject to duty free clearance.

Note: Valued inventory lists are for customs purposes and do not have to be the same as used for insurance purposes. However, it is strictly advised not to enclose the list used for insurance purposes along with the shipping documents.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

Documents required for Household goods/personal effects Customs Clearance:

- ✓ Passport - original, including photo page of customer and all family members
- ✓ Visa - obtained prior to arrival, must be in a current passport
- ✓ Form "A" - obtained at from Customs at airport of arrival
- ✓ Transfer of Residence
- ✓ Certificate of Employment
- ✓ Bill of Lading/ Air Waybill
- ✓ Comprehensive Valued Inventory - Electrical items must have a separate list: include brand, model & serial number

Documents required for Diplomatic Shipment:

- ✓ Passport copy & Diplomatic Franchise
- ✓ Comprehensive Valued Inventory - same as above
- ✓ Bill of Lading/ Air Waybill



RESTRICTED/ DUTIABLE ITEMS:

- ✓ Hunting rifles are allowed with prior declaration & gun license from Bangladeshi Government
- ✓ Antiques, sterling silver & gold should be declared upon arrival for ease of re-export
- ✓ Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and foodstuffs require special permits if in large quantities

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind
- ✓ Pornography and subversive material, anti- Islamic literature, other religious materials
- ✓ Explosives, ammunitions and weapons
- ✓ Gold bullion, gambling instruments & paraphernalia
- ✓ Construction material in commercial quantity

IMPORTING VEHICLES:

Returning residents/ non-privileged personnel are subject to payment of duties. Diplomats and Privileged personnel are allowed duty free clearance. Vehicles more than 6 years old are not permissible for import into Bangladesh.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration
- ✓ Commercial/Purchase Invoice

IMPORTING PET:

Quarantine is not required. However one must obtain permission prior to exportation from the Director of Live Stock in Bangladesh. Non-diplomats / diplomats are exempted from levy subject to exemption certificate from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination - including rabies, dated less than 7 days prior to arrival
- ✓ Health Certificate - dated less than 7 days prior to arrival
- ✓ Letter of "No Objection - obtained from the Bangladesh government
- ✓ Import Permit

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

CLIENTS (EXCEPT DIPLOMATE) MUST BE DECLARED BAGGAGE FORM (FORM A) AT AIRPORT AT THE TIME OF ARRIVAL IN BANGALADESH OR WITH IN 21 DAYS AFTER ARRIVAL IN BANGLADESH WHICH DULY SIGNED BY CUSTOMS AUTHORITY OTHERWISE THIS WILL BE TREATED AS COMMERCIAL GOODS

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