



IMPORTING PERSONAL EFFECTS IN ISRAEL

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

Customer MUST be in Israel at time of Customs clearance. Used household goods and personal effects must have been owned and used by the customer for a minimum of twelve (12) months.

New immigrants or temporary residents; may be allowed three (3) duty-free shipments within three (3) years (automobiles and professional tools are not included). New immigrants or temporary residents MUST have resided a minimum of one year in the last country of residence. All household goods and personal effects must be owned by the customer.

Diplomat Status:

Foreign diplomats, members of government or international organizations are granted tax-free entry of their personal effects and household item. The exemption does not cover other port charges.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

Documents required for Household goods/personal effects Customs Clearance:

- ✓ Passports - of customer and all family members
- ✓ Visa - B-1 visa stamped in Passport & 3rdParty Guaranty from Employer
- ✓ Residence Visa
- ✓ Certificate of Residence - (legally stamped) Lease/rental contract - for one year minimum, contract must specify if residence is furnished including appliances as Customs will not allow duplicate items to be duty-free
- ✓ Packing List - in English without values fro, Origin Agent
- ✓ Comprehensive Valued Inventory - in Hebrew, state make, model, serial number, manufacturer's name for appliances/electronics. State sizes for rugs & drapes, itemize cutlery & dinnerware
- ✓ Power of Attorney - prepared & signed for Customs at Destination Agent office
- ✓ Authorization Letter- giving authority for Destination Agent to clear shipment
- ✓ Letter from Employer - or proof of employment/work contract
- ✓ New Immigrant Booklet "TeudatOleh" - date of arrival is the date of 1stentry into Israel as marked in the TeudatOleh issued upon arrival
- ✓ Customs Bond
- ✓ Insurance Certificate

Documents required for Diplomatic Shipment:

- ✓ Diplomatic Franchise - original
- ✓ Diplomatic ID & Diplomatic Passport - copies
- ✓ Letter of Authorization - from governing diplomatic body to Destination Agent
- ✓ BL/AWB/Express BL
- ✓ Visa - (for religious personnel) A-3 stamped in Passport & 3rd Party Guaranty
- ✓ Comprehensive Inventory - without values
- ✓ Power of Attorney - giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance



RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS:

- ✓ Inheritance – requires a Customs inspection and the below documentation
 - Original Will
 - Testament naming recipient as beneficiary
 - Death Certificate
 - Reduced taxes to be paid
- ✓ Firearms – only small arms caliber allowed, require permission from Israeli Police & Ministry of Interior
- ✓ Foodstuffs – 15kgs per person duty-free, in excess is subject to duties
- ✓ Electrical appliances – one of each allowed
- ✓ Carpets, curtains, wallpapers, fabrics – state size & price
- ✓ Sporting equipment & outdoor furniture & Musical instruments
- ✓ New items – requires invoices/receipts
- ✓ Cordless phones and fax machines – require permit Ministry of Telecommunications
- ✓ Computers, answering machines, car radios, infant seats, electric lawn mowers, CD players or turntables (only if both are imported)
- ✓ Alcohol – wine; 2 litres per person, spirits; 1 litre per person
- ✓ Tobacco – 200 cigarettes or 250 grams of loose tobacco, in excess of these amounts incurs duty

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- ✓ Firearms, weapons, ammunition, tear gas, explosives and dangerous chemicals – (NOTE: Small arm caliber's can be imported but require special permission from the Israeli Police and Ministry of Interiors.
- ✓ Large quantities of any items are not permitted
- ✓ Narcotics, drugs and dangerous chemicals
- ✓ Seed, live plants and saplings
- ✓ Pornographic material
- ✓ Fresh meat

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IMPORTING VEHICLES:

New immigrants are subject to reduced duties of 46-76%. Vehicles more than 4 years old may be imported with approval by the Israeli Standards Institute. Right-hand drive vehicles are prohibited. Diesel vehicles are prohibited. Certain automobiles are prohibited entry; contact the Consulate for details prior to consigning any vehicle.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport & TeuatOleh
- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration - must be original
- ✓ Commercial/Purchase Invoice – must be original
- ✓ Israeli Driver's License & Insurance Policy
- ✓ Import License from Ministry of Transport



IMPORTING PETS:

- Pet cats, dogs, birds, rabbits and rodents (up to two of each type) are allowed entry without quarantine if they meet the following requirements:
 - ✓ They have been in the possession of the owner abroad for at least 90 days prior to entry.
 - ✓ Their owner accompanies them to Israel.
- Unaccompanied pets require a Veterinary Import Permit and will be quarantined in an official quarantine facility for approximately 8 days, or as deemed necessary by the Director.
- Dogs and cats under three month of age will not be admitted.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination – including rabies,
- ✓ Health Certificate

Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials: Israel implemented ISPM15 standards for wood packaging material (WPM) in June 2009. Enforcement of these regulations have been in effect since October 2009

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