



IMPORTING PERSONAL EFFECTS IN JAPAN

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

Client must be in Japan but does not need to be physically present at time of Customs clearance. Most shipments are physically inspected. Used household goods and personal effects are duty-free provided the goods have been in owner's possession and utilization for at least one full year.

Shipment must arrive within six months of client. Air shipments require a detailed list with carton numbers and items in each carton, along with the total number of pieces. Keys to locked trunks and suitcases must be provided.

Customs clearance is normally obtained after the shipments arrival at the Port of Entry, and upon receipt of all the required documents both from the origin agent and the shipper, complete delivery address with postal code. Consequently, delivery of a sea shipment may be completed within 7 - 10 days and an air shipment within 3 - 5 days from the date of arrival depending upon the location of the delivery residence.

Diplomat Status:

Foreign diplomats are granted duty-free entry. Diplomatic clearance will be done by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. No duty will be imposed on cigarettes or alcoholic beverages for those granted diplomatic status.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

Documents required for Household goods/personal effects Customs Clearance:

- ✓ Passport Copy - All stamped pages including photo page, entry stamp (must match date on the
- ✓ C5360/2 Form) & visa pages
- ✓ Japanese Visa - Can apply for one upon arrival, however a supplemental form is required and can be provided by your service agent; must be valid for 1 year
- ✓ OBL/AWB or Express Release/Waybill
- ✓ Comprehensive Inventory List - in English or Japanese, descriptions such as PBO, HHG, MISC are not allowed
- ✓ Customs Form C5360-2 for non-Japanese or Form 5360 for returning Japanese citizens - Obtained on airplane or at the Customs counter at airport of entry. Must complete two sets and submit to Japanese Customs at the airport. Customs will stamp the form and your service agent will require the original for the actual clearance
- ✓ Declaration Form - if importing alcohol and cigarettes
- ✓ Delivery address and telephone number

***If Customs Form C5360-2/5360 is not presented at time of arrival, client must prepare a "Letter of Explanation" to Customs office which will delay clearance and client may have to pay import duty.*

Documents required for Diplomatic Shipment:

- ✓ Diplomatic Clearance Form (Kanji format)
- ✓ Passport copy
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory list in English



RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS:

- ✓ Alcohol, tobacco, rice and video cassettes
 - Items must be stowed for easy access in the container
 - Large quantities require separate clearance as a commercial shipment
 - Must be clearly noted on inventory (including the weight of the rice)
 - Detailed list of video cassette tapes
- ✓ New household goods and personal effects items (less than a year old), especially furniture
 - It is recommended that new household goods and personal effects items be re-packed
 - Invoices required
- ✓ Electrical appliances

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- ✓ Narcotics, psychotropic substances, and any medicine containing Pseudo ephedrine
- ✓ Pornography, obscene publications, videos & software
- ✓ Reproductions of copyright materials and videos and counterfeit goods/currency
- ✓ Firearms, ammunitions, weapons of any kind, including air guns, pocket knives & toy replicas
- ✓ All meat products, fruits and vegetables
- ✓ Rice
- ✓ Any skins, furs, or tusks of animals on the Endangered Species List
- ✓ Flower seeds/bulbs, flour, straw and straw items

IMPORTING VEHICLES:

Vehicles may be imported duty free for foreigners establishing residence if the below requirements are met. The vehicle must not be sold for 2 years after importation. Foreign cars must be modified to meet Japanese emissions and safety regulations. Charges are very high and will be paid by the client. The cost could be between 500,000-800,000 Yen depending on the model and the condition of the car. If all the requirements are not met, import duty at 5% of the depreciated assessed market value will be assessed.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Original Passport
- ✓ Form C 5360-2 or 5360
- ✓ Alien Registration Card & Drivers License
- ✓ Original Registration
- ✓ Engine & Chassis number
- ✓ Purchase invoice & Car Manual
- ✓ Pro-forma Invoice
- ✓ Documents stating that vehicle has been in owner's use and possession abroad
- ✓ Affidavit stating that you will not sell your vehicle while in Japan



IMPORTING PETS:

Quarantine period of 16 days is required for dogs. Quarantine may be required for other pets depending on animal's country of origin. Some animals are restricted from being imported into Japan. It is strongly advised to inquire with the nearest Japanese Embassy, Consulate and/or the Destination Agent prior to transport. If importing a pet it is suggested to start the process 6 months in advance of relocation.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Vaccination Certificate – Rabies must be administered 30 days but not more than six months prior to departure. All other vaccinations must be current.
- ✓ Health Certificate – Issued by a licensed veterinarian, dated not more than 14 days before departure

Note: Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials: Japan has published requirements adopting ISPM15 for wood packaging material (WPM).

**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 Japanese Customs. Servile Relocations Pvt. Ltd. assumes no liability for the changes in the law.