



IMPORTING PERSONAL EFFECTS IN MAURITIUS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

Used household goods and personal effects are duty free provided goods have been owned and used by the customer for a minimum of one year and customer has lived abroad for at least one year. Client must be in Mauritius when shipment arrives. The goods must be imported within six months of arrival. If the goods are in transit upon the client's arrival in Mauritius, he/she must declare import of the impending shipment to the Director General (via letter) giving detail of the items being imported. Those granted tax and duty free exemption must submit name, address, phone number and proof of residence in Mauritius. This must be done every 12 months for 2 years and must be submitted no less than 30 days after each 12 month period. Those who do not comply with the above requirements will be liable for full Customs duties, VAT and a penalty of 10%. Items can not be sold, lent or otherwise disposed of during stay. All new items will be levied a tax.

Diplomatic Status:

Foreign diplomats, members of government or international organizations are granted tax and duty free entry of their personal effects and household goods. All documents must arrive to the Destination Agent 15 days prior to arrival to obtain free entry from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

Documents required for Household goods/personal effects Customs Clearance:

- ✓ Passport - original
- ✓ Residence Permit & Work Permit – Residence Permit must be renewed every 12 months for 2 consecutive years submitted to the Director General
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill – original, Express Release not allowed
- ✓ Comprehensive Valued Inventory – dated & signed by owner
- ✓ Pack list

Documents required for Diplomatic Shipment:

- ✓ Diplomatic Franchise
- ✓ Passport - original
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory –dated & signed by owner
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- ✓ Appliances/Electronics – must have invoices/receipts
- ✓ Prescription medications – require a health certificate
- ✓ New items – (less than 1 year) must have invoices/receipts
- ✓ Plants, seeds, flowers, bulbs etc require an Import Permit obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Environment



PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind
- ✓ Alcohol & tobacco products of any kind
- ✓ Pornography and subversive material
- ✓ Firearms, ammunitions, explosives and weapons unless otherwise approved
- ✓ Spear guns used for fishing
- ✓ Perfumes
- ✓ Furniture, carpets/rugs

IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Vehicles including motorcycles are subject to excise duty at 15% and VAT of 15% regardless of age and engine capacity. The vehicle must be right hand drive. The OBL must show chassis & engine numbers, cubic capacity, year of manufacture, brand and model.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration - must be original
- ✓ Commercial/Purchase Invoice - must be original
- ✓ Import Permit - obtained through the Ministry of Trade and Shipping
- ✓ Drivers License & International Insurance Policy (green card)
- ✓ OBL

IMPORTATION OF PETS:

Pets may be subject to a quarantine period of up to 6 months depending on country of origin. Contact or Destination Agent or the Mauritian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at (230) 464-5084 for specific information related to pet importation.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination - including rabies, less than 6 months prior to arrival
- ✓ Health Certificate - by a Veterinarian at origin
- ✓ Import Permit -obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Environment

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