



IMPORTING PERSONAL EFFECTS IN RUSSIA

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

*Since July 1st, 2012 temporary import of household goods and/or personal belongings has been limited to certain items only. **Household goods and personal effects must be used. The goods must be imported on a temporary basis (temporary import customs control) by an accredited employee. If the goods are not re-exported or an extension is not sought by the time the visa expires, then customs duties must be paid. Household goods and personal effects are subject to duty. All the shipments are subject to inspections. The client must be present at the destination during the clearance process in the event client needs to appear.**

Diplomat Status:

Diplomats with Diplomat Status are granted tax and duty free entry of their personal effects and household items either new or used.

*** Diplomats without Diplomatic Status are given the same status as Accredited Individuals**

****IMPORTANT: Based on new Russian Regulations all imports to Russia are subject to duties and taxes (air, road and sea shipments)**

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

Documents required for Household goods/personal effects Customs Clearance:

- ✓ Passport & "Registered" Visa including photo page
- ✓ Work Permit
- ✓ Power of Attorney notarized by a Russian Notary
- ✓ Letter of Sponsorship - from Russian employer, university or other organization
- ✓ Application - addresses to Customs Authority
- ✓ Letter from Employer to Customs Authority - attesting to client's work contract, including bank account details
- ✓ Bill of Lading/ Air Waybill
- ✓ Pack List - without values for Customs purposes
- ✓ Comprehensive Inventory List - with values, descriptions and photos of works of art
- ✓ Customs Declaration (T-6 Form) - stamped and signed by Customs at the airport upon arrival
- ✓ Re-Export Control List - include all items to be exported

Documents required for Diplomatic Shipment:

- ✓ Diplomatic Identity Card, Passport & Visa - 3 stamped copies
- ✓ Letter from Embassy or Consulate - 2 copies
- ✓ Power of Attorney - issued by the embassy/consulate, signed by the diplomat; 2 stamped copies
- ✓ Pack List - without values for Customs purposes
- ✓ Comprehensive Inventory List with values, descriptions and photos of works of art

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS:

- ✓ Radio & satellite receivers, transmitters, satellite antennae & color printers - may require an import permit obtained from the Federal Security Board (FSB)



- ✓ GPS devices – subject to special rules & regulations
- ✓ Electronics/Appliances - on a separate inventory list: state make, model, manufacturer, serial number & condition (new or used)
- ✓ Precious metals & jewelry, stones, currency and medication can be imported as accompanied baggage only and must be declared upon arrival. This original MUST be kept as one will need to present it to Customs authorities upon departure
- ✓ Foreign and Russian currency, Securities & Traveler's cheques must be declared up arrival
- ✓ Gifts – limited to 1000.00USD max and not weigh more than 50kg
- ✓ Toys & sports equipment
- ✓ Alcohol – 2 litres per person of wine or spirits and up to 5 litres of beer
- ✓ Tobacco - cigars up to 50; cigarillos up to 100; cigarettes up to 200; loose tobacco 0.25 kg.
- ✓ Plants – require Phytosanitary certificates at origin, photographs of each plant; local Sanitary Certificates from the Sanitary Control Department will be processed after arrival. Importing plants is discouraged as it is costly and time consuming as storage fees are accrued while going through the process.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- ✓ Any kind of food, species, coffee, tea, fruits and vegetables
- ✓ Weapons, rifles of all kinds
- ✓ Plants
- ✓ Pornography
- ✓ Narcotics
- ✓ Medicines
- ✓ Toxic material
- ✓ Radioactive material
- ✓ Photographs and printed materials directed against the Russian Federation
- ✓ Aerosols (pressurized container)

IMPORT CUSTOMS CLEARANCE OF ITEMS HAVING "CULTURAL VALUE":

Russia has strict rules and regulations designed to protect the country's cultural and historical heritage. The registration of items upon import to Russia provides proof that items were bought outside Russia. In the absence of the registration of items upon re-export Russian Customs will treat the items as being acquired in Russia

****If items over 100 years old are imported and not registered upon entry, it will be impossible to export them from Russia**

****If items over 50 years old are imported and not registered, it will be necessary to get special permits from Ministry of culture for export them from Russia**

Items considered to be considered of cultural value:

- ✓ Paintings, drawing, sketches etc
- ✓ Sculptures & engravings
- ✓ Artistic compositions and montages
- ✓ Work of traditional folk art or handicrafts i.e. Matryoshka



- ✓ Icons and other religious articles

Items considered to be considered of historical value:

- ✓ Objects from archeological excavation sites
- ✓ Antiques
- ✓ Fragments of architectural or artistic monuments
- ✓ Rare manuscripts and documents

Other:

- ✓ Collections and collectables
- ✓ Sheet music & musical instruments (except keyboards & electrical guitars)
- ✓ Anything made precious or semi-precious metals such as ashtrays, cutlery, dishes etc
- ✓ Items made of natural materials such as wood, bone, ivory, antler, tusk, hide etc

IMPORTING VEHICLES:

All Non Diplomatic vehicles are subject to duties. A deposit is required to be paid in advance to the Customs Authority in Moscow. Amount to be paid depends on year, cubic centimeters of the engine. Duties are very high; consult with your Destination Agent prior to consigning a vehicle. Client may be asked to be present during the clearance process.

Returning Russian citizens must pay 100% of duty charges.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration – should be original
- ✓ Commercial/Purchase Invoice – preferable the cost of the vehicle should not exceed \$10,000USD
- ✓ Technical/conformity certificate – obtained at origin
- ✓ Certificate of Matriculation – obtained at origin
- ✓ License plate
- ✓ Passport, visa & client's registration in Russia - copies
- ✓ Waybill and original Customs declaration – necessary for registration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

IMPORTING PETS:

Quarantine is not required; however pets will be examined by Russian veterinary control officials upon arrival. For all other pets except cats and dogs special import permission from the Veterinary Dept of the Ministry of Agriculture is required. Birds must show proof of being free of avian flu. Upon arrival your pet will be examined by Russian veterinary control officials to review documents and overall health of the pet. Pets are subject to duties.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination – including rabies, dated at least 30 days prior to arrival
- ✓ Health Certificate - dated less than 10 days prior to arrival
- ✓ International Pet Passport & Pedigree (if available)



NOTES:

- ✓ *Restricted Areas: There are several closed cities and regions in Russia. Travelers who attempt to enter these areas without prior authorization are subject to arrest, fines, and/or deportation.*
- ✓ *Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials: As of this posting the Russian Federation has begun to impose ISPM15 regulations 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 Russian Customs. Servile Relocations Pvt. Ltd. assumes no liability for the changes in the law.