

**Cayman Islands**

**IMPORT REGULATIONS ON HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECT SHIPMENTS**

**Clearance** at customs is normally 3 to 5 days.  
 The only POE is George Town, Grand Cayman.

**Requirements for the importation of USED Personal Effects -**

- Accomplished Customs Declaration Form - the value/costs of the new and used items must be indicated separately in the Schedule portion of the form for Customs' purposes (copy attached).
- **Valued inventory/packing list** (value on each item is a customs requirement) – Used items are Duty Free.
- Invoices for new items ("new" being those items which have been in the consignee's possession for less than 6 months and those items which have not been in use regardless of the purchase date); **New items are subject to Duty/taxes with varied rates and is based on costinsurance- freight (CIF) value**; Wines and Spirits are dutiable at various rates on a per liter basis. If more than two liters, a license to import from the Cayman Island Liquour Board would be required. As a Customs requirement, Inland Freight Costs should be reflected regardless of origin. No handwritten notations on any of the invoices, please.
- Work permit or residence permit (whichever is applicable)
- Passport - picture page
- Passport - page with the latest Grand Cayman entry stamp
- **"EXPRESS RELEASE"** Bill of Lading indicating **total cost of freight from Point of Origin to Grand Cayman**.

**Additional Information : Required documents if importing a Vehicle/Motorcycles are:**

- Owner's Title (Original Copy if to be licensed)
- Original Invoice OR Proof of Current Market Value (Kelly Blue Book from <http://www.kbb.com/>)
- Insurance Cover Note (locally issued on the island - Original copy if to be licensed)

**Government Duties/Taxes for the Vehicle - Motor cars (all include cost, insurance, freight value (c.i.f.):**

- Up to US\$20,000.00 - 27.5%
- Between US\$20,001 – US\$25,000 - 30%
- Between US\$25,001 - US\$30,000 - 35%
- More than US\$30,000 - 40%
- Waste Fee - US\$310.00
- Licensing Fee - US\$290.00

**Government Duties/Taxes for the Vehicle - Motor cycles (all include cost, insurance, freight value (c.i.f.)**

- Up to 90 cc 30%
- Over 90 cc 35%
- Licensing Fee - US\$290.00

There shall be charged, collected and paid through Customs at the time of import a special Environmental Waste Fee of:

- US\$300.00 - Motor Vehicles (other than a motor cycle) imported into the Islands
- US\$90.00 - Motor cycles imported into the Islands
- US\$7.00 - Lead-Acid Batteries imported into the Islands
- US\$4.00 – Tires imported into the Islands

Duty is imposed on all wines and spirits at the following rates and would need a license to import from the Cayman Islands Government if importing more than 2 liters.

- Table Wines, red, white or rose - US\$4.00 per liter
- Dessert Wines - US\$6.50 per liter
- Champagne - 25% of CIF
- Other Sparkling wines - US\$5.00 per liter
- Spirits unsweetened less than 50% alcohol - US\$13.50 per liter
- Spirits unsweetened more than 50% alcohol - US\$18.00 per liter
- Ale, beer & other malt liquors - US\$2.50 per liter
- If required...storage charge is US\$2.50 per cubic foot minimum of US\$250.00 per month. However, this has to be covered by insurance at a cost/premium of 3% of the value of the shipment to cover all damages/risks. Storage Charges starts on the 6th day from arrival of the container and Demurrage Charges (for unreturned containers) starts on the 15th day from arrival of the container. Storage Charges starts on the 6th day from arrival of the container and Demurrage Charges starts on the 15th day from arrival of the container.
- Please be advised that storage facilities will be at the Port Authority, thus, information provided above re: a storage charge pertains to port storage charges. It is an open/uncovered area. We could not accommodate LCL/FCL in our warehouse during the hurricane season (June to November).

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**Restricted items by Cayman Islands Customs Department:**

**Prohibitions & Restrictions**

- Any illegal drug or utensils are absolutely prohibited.
- Any illegal drug, pipe, utensil or thing used in the preparation or consumption of any illegal drug is prohibited.
- Any controlled drug is prohibited without lawful authorization.
- The import of any goods depicting or bearing any reference to marijuana in any form is prohibited.
- Counterfeit coins and notes are prohibited
- Instruments and appliances for gambling
- Unless they are transit goods, the export of lobster, conch or conch meat in any form is prohibited.
- Firearms, Ammunition and Bullet proof Vest unless accompanied by a permit and firearms license signed by the Commissioner of Police.
- Weapons: \*Machine and Sub-Machine guns, \*Automatic rifles, Any weapon of any description or design, adapted for the discharge of any noxious liquid or gas, Black jack, Bludgeon, Flick knife, Gravity Knife, Knuckle duster etc, is prohibited.
- Explosives other than gunpowder and blasting powder
- The import of Bows, pellet guns, catapults or other manually operated weapons which are capable of projecting arrows or other missiles is prohibited unless they are accompanied by a permit signed by the Commissioner of Police, by a person in connection with his competitive sporting activities or for activities relating to the cultural or historical aspects of weapons
- Spear guns and Hawaiian slings are prohibited under the marine conservation law.
- The import of rice, sugar and cement is prohibited, except with the permission of the Governor, from countries of origin other than: Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Israel, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Republic of Honduras, United Kingdom and Commonwealth Countries, United States of America, Venezuela
- Caravans and prefabricated buildings other than storehouses and aircraft hangers
- The import of any model of the Hummer motor vehicle which exceeds 6.8 feet in width is prohibited.
- No vehicle of a type known to the motor vehicle trade as "moke" or "mini-moke" or any similar vehicle or vehicle commonly known as a "beach buggy" or "dune buggy" or any similar vehicle. No parts for any such vehicles may be imported into or used in the Islands without the permission of the Governor.
- No Double-decker omnibus shall be imported into or used in the Islands.
- No person, without the prior permission of the Governor or Public Transportation Board, may import into or use in the Islands any motor vehicle which is constructed for the carriage of more than nine persons excluding the driver.
- Vehicles of this type must have the passenger door opening on the left side of the vehicle.
- No motorcycle may be used in the Islands in combination with a sidecar and no sidecar may be imported into the Islands.
- Any vehicle imported into the islands in contravention of any of the above will not be accepted for registration.
- Obscene writings, drawings, prints, paintings, printed matter, pictures, posters, emblems, photographs, cinematograph, films, discs, tapes, or other obscene objects is prohibited.
- Publications contrary to the public interest, which are the subject of an order made by the Governor in Cabinet
- Other prohibitions and restrictions arise from The Animals Law, The Endangered Species and Propagation Law, The Plants Law and any other law that prohibits or restricts the import/export of certain items or anything that maybe prescribed by the Governor from time to time. Copies of all Laws can be purchased from the Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly building.

**Radio and Transmitters Restrictions**

**VHF RADIOS, RADAR AND CB RADIOS**

- Importers of radio or radar apparatus must be in possession of the relevant license permit or certificate, except where exempted. Please contact the Cayman Islands Customs Department for further information.

**MARINE RADIOS**

- The import of marine radio transmitting equipment for operation in the A.M. mode only within the bands 1605 and 4000 kHz is prohibited.

Please let us know if you need further information. We would appreciate returning this e-mail back to us if quote is confirmed and/or accepted with the necessary pre-alert information and your contact persons & contact details on the island. When our quote is confirmed, we will issue an invoice for settlement before actual delivery of shipment to consignee.

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