

## Customs Regulations 2011

### French Polynesia / Tahiti

#### Household Goods and Personal Effects

➤ **To import duty free**, shipper must have a work permit ( for expatriate) or have resided outside of Tahiti for a minimum 12 months prior to returning to Tahiti (for local national) and must have owned and used all the personal effects for a minimum 12 months and are all for personal use and not for re-sale.

For any shipper that does not fulfill these criteria the entire shipment will be subject to import duty at varying rate.

➤ **Diplomats** require duty free certificate issued by Ministry of Foreign Affairs whilst UN/NGO/AID employees require duty free certificate issued by their sponsor government department.

➤ **All shipments must be ISPM15 compliant.** Additional quarantine charges might apply.

➤ **Original OBL** is required for all sea shipments.

#### Prohibited and Restricted Goods

Never mix personal effects with commercial goods.

Generally **pornography, guns, fireworks, narcotics, gambling instruments and subversive or offensive literature** are banned as are agricultural products.

#### Motor Vehicles (Autos and Motorbikes)

- Cars are complicated to import.
- Generally only diplomats can import duty free but under certain circumstances individuals can import but the procedure is lengthy and complicated.
- Check with JVK before shipping.

#### Animals and Pets

- Pets may be imported but a valid Import Permit is required to be issued prior to arrival of the pet.
- Pets must be forwarded as manifested cargo under an Airway Bill (not hand carried).
- To apply for an Import Permit we require the general details of the pet (name, sex, breed, age, color).
- Import Permits can take up to 2 weeks to issue and shipments **MUST NOT** be forwarded without an Import Permit.
- When the pet is forwarded it is essential that the rabies vaccination and general vaccination certificates are attached to the Airway Bill. Contact JVK for more details.

#### Consignment Instructions

##### Consign both sea and air shipments to:

Shipper (name spelt exactly as in passport)  
c/o shipper employer or home address.

##### Notify Party:

Transit Sat Nui  
BP 9003  
Papeete, Tahiti.  
Tel: 689-504 303  
Fax: 689-429 784  
e-mail: [tahiti@jvkpacific.com](mailto:tahiti@jvkpacific.com)

Please ensure a copy of pre-advice and shipping documents are forward to JVK Australia before shipment arrival.

JVK Magellan International Movers Pty Ltd  
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