

Korea

Goods	Documents Required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
General	Please be advised of the following consignment instruction changes for Korea effective 1 April, 2010 :		
	<p>1. Consignment instructions – Air and Sea shipments Client's FULL name as in passport, with 'Destination City' now listed , e.g. <i>Seoul</i> (should match the city on client's Korean customs documents) c/o your Korean agent's name, address, phone and fax numbers and email Notify: Same as above</p> <p>2. Shipment description must now be included on OBL/AWB. "Used household goods" alone is not sufficient. Description should read, for example, 'Used household goods and personal effects (furniture, appliances, clothes, books, toys)" etc. up to 200 characters. These items should be from the packing list and described in the manifest.</p> <p>Please contact your Korean agent should you have any questions.</p>		
Korean Customs Houses	<p>In recent years, Busan or Incheon have been the preferred Customs Houses due to work force and ease of access. Korean Customs has opened a new Customs House in Daejeon, which is in a mid-location on the Korean Peninsula. The Korean Government would like to see an increase in the use of this newly opened location. Therefore, Daejeon may become an option on future shipments to Korea.</p> <p>Final designated destination cities for delivery will be the Customs Houses of either Busan, Daejeon, Incheon or Seoul.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Seoul Customs (located in Singal, Yongin): Residence in Seoul, Anyang, Suwon, Bundang, Southeastern area of Seoul Suburb and Gangwon Province via POE Busan Incheon Customs: Residence in Incheon, Bucheon, Ansan, Kimpo, Koyang, Paju, Munsan, Northwestern area of Seoul suburb via POE Busan/Incheon.Shipment via POE Incheon with exception of delivery to Daejeon, Chungchung Province, Kwangju & Jeola Province Daejeon Customs: Residence in Daejeon, Chungchung Province, Kwangju & Jeola Province via POE BUSAN/INCHEON Busan Customs: Residence in Busan and suburb area and Gyeongnam Province 		
Household goods	<p>For all</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ OBL or AWB Copy. ➢ Inventory list <p>Foreigners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Passport Copy (Identification & Entry Stamp) from Client and accompanying family members. ➢ Work visa, valid at least one year ➢ Certificate of Alien Registration (=Residence Card) from Client and accompanying family members, which can be obtained from Immigration Office in Korea. <p>Returning Koreans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Passport Copy from Client and accompanying family members. 	<p>Duty free entry: Used household effects, excluding commercial commodities and new high value items.</p> <p>Subject to duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ New furniture 22.5% - 54.8% ➢ New Carpet: 24.3% ➢ All brand new electrical items (including items used less than 6 months) 20% of Customs assessed value ➢ Tobacco products ➢ Used or new automobiles, boats, aircrafts, motorcycles ➢ Jewels, ➢ Upright piano (free if over 6 months old): 20% ➢ Grand piano (free if over 6 months old for piano major diploma holder): 20% ➢ TV over 50" or a second TV over (29" – 49") ➢ Second and next golf club: 8% ➢ Second and next ski : 20% ➢ Air cleaner: 20% 	<p>Goods must arrive at POE/AOE in Korea within 6 months of the owner's arrival.</p> <p>Clearance is supposed to take place at a bonded warehouse.</p> <p>Personal effects cannot be customs cleared prior to the shipper's arrival</p> <p>All incoming shipments excluding diplomatic are subject to open inspection by Korean Customs Authority.</p> <p>For Koreans: Evidence of a stay of at least 1 year in a foreign country needs to shown in the passport.</p>
Household Goods and Vehicle for diplomats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ OBL or AWB Copy ➢ Inventory list ➢ Application for duty exemption form issued by Foreign Affairs Ministry of Korea ➢ Proof of ownership ➢ Automobile title ➢ Original purchase receipt or invoice ➢ Insurance policy 	<p>Customs duty exemption for vehicles, showing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Frame Number (or chassis Nr.) ➢ Engine Number ➢ Model, type 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Documentary clearance without physical inspection. ➢ The vehicle cannot be sold or transferred to non diplomatic individual for three (3) years, however, sale or transfer between diplomatic individuals is authorized. In case of sale or transfer to non diplomatic individual within three (3) years, customs duty/tax shall be charged by the Korean Customs. ➢ The vehicle must be listed on the inventory with full technical specifications (make, model, plate number, year, etc.).

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Precious Metal Objects		Subject to payment of duties.	
Presents, Souvenirs		Subject to payment of duties for high valued items.	
Antiques, Works of art		Duty free entry unless they are national treasures.	
Vehicle, motorcycle & mechanical equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Original Title ➤ Original Registration Certificate. ➤ Original Purchase Receipt or Invoice. ➤ Insurance policy (Original or Copy). 	Subject to payment of duties.	Vehicle must be listed on the inventory with full technical specifications (make, model, plat n°, year, etc.).
Prohibited items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Drugs. ➤ Firearms (can only be imported with a special permit from the proper Korean authority). ➤ Ammunition. ➤ Pornographic material. ➤ Imitation of bank notes and coins. 	
Wine, alcohols		Duty free for: According to the Korean Customs one bottle of wine or spirit per adult. For exceeding quantities, the following Customs duty/tax rates apply based on Customs assessed value: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wine : 68.25 % ➤ Cognac : 144.9% ➤ Whiskey : 155.5% ➤ Beer : 210.31% 	
Food		Duty free entry for small amounts. Subject to payment of 20% duty if total amount is too large as part of household goods.	
Plants, Vegetables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Quarantine certificate of the entrance administration office of airport. 	Duty free entry.	
Pets	Dogs and cats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Health certificate, less than 7 days old from origin country. ➤ Certificate of rabies vaccination, injected at least 30 days prior to departure and less than 1 year at origin country. Birds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Health certificate, less than 7 days old from origin country. ➤ For parrots, CITES documents have to be prepared at origin and destination countries. 	Duty free entry.	Dogs and cats – will be released only after being inspected by an animal quarantine official at the airport of entry. If the customs documents are prepared properly, dogs/cats can be released within 24 hours. As it normally takes about 5-6 hours from arrival at AOE Incheon to delivery residence in Seoul, please arrange the airplane which lands at AOE in the morning time during weekdays. Birds – 5 days of quarantine.
Firearms, pistols, rifles, explosives, swords, drugs, narcotics		Special official permit	
Prohibited Goods		Pornographic materials, forged notes, pirated editions, counterfeits etc.	