

Korea Customs Information	
Prohibited and Restricted Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pornographic materials, firearms, swords and long knives, ammunition, narcotics, non-branded drugs. ➤ Any item which is considered to be detrimental to the public interest and national security.
Customs Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Personal effects cannot be customs cleared prior to a shipper's arrival in Korea. ▪ All shipments are subject to inspection, excluding diplomatic shipments. ▪ Arrival must be within 6 months of entry into Korea, by the owner(s). ▪ Non-Korean clients must have a work visa or long-term visa in order to do clearance without Duty/Tax. ▪ If clients pay Duty/Tax, Korean customs do not refund in any case. <p>Used household goods and personal effects are normally qualified for duty/tax free admittance into the Republic of Korea if they are considered to be necessary and an appropriate quantity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shipping notice must be received at least 5 days prior to vessel arrival together with a copy of b/l, packing list, and contact information of shipper. ➤ Name of consignee should be identical to that of passport's. ➤ No. of packages on B/L and P/L should be identical in case of loose loading. <p>Non-compliance with the above may delay customs clearance.</p> <p>For Foreigners: Used Household Goods and Personal Effects are duty free provided they reside in Korea for over one(1) year. If anticipated length of stay is shorter than one year, shipment will be classified as a quasi-immigrant removal which is subject to higher duties.</p> <p>For Returning Koreans: Used Household Goods and Personal Effects are duty/tax free if they have lived in a foreign country for over one year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shipment should arrive at port within 6 months after the owner's arrival into Korea. ➤ All items (even if used) are dutiable if owner does not meet above duty free conditions. ➤ All incoming shipments are subject to 100% inspection by Korean customs authority. ➤ All shipments are cleared at designated customs bonded warehouse in Incheon, Busan or Seoul. ➤ Shipments arriving at Busan port for delivery to Seoul area can be bonded transported to Incheon or Seoul customs warehouse for customs clearance. <p>Please note that, generally, Korean customs procedures are strict and customs clearance is to be done at Incheon, Busan or Seoul only.</p>
Import Procedure / Delivery Time	<p>1. Air Shipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It takes normally 3-5 working days after arrival at Incheon airport for customs clearance and delivery to shipper's residence. <p>2. Surface Shipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It takes about 7~10 days after vessel arrival to clear customs and deliver to residence in the case of FCL (full container loaded) shipment and about 10~13 days for lcl (less than a container loaded) shipment. ➤ If shipment is to be delivered to residence in Seoul, shipment can be sent to either busan port or incheon port. After the arrival it will be bonded transported to incheon or Seoul customs house. ➤ without exception, all imported goods and automobile should be stored at the designated customs bonded warehouse in Seoul, Busan or Incheon for inspection depending on their final delivery address. <p>Please note that customs bonded storage charges are always incurred and the charges will be billed at cost basis.</p>
Dutiable / Restricted Item	<p>All brand new items (including items used less than 6 months) are taxable and the duty/tax rates are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Electric appliances: 18.8% of customs assessed value ➤ Carpet: 24.3% of customs assessed value ➤ Furniture : 18.8~38.5% of customs assessed value ➤ Golf Clubs : 18.8% of customs assessed value ➤ Grand & Upright Piano: 18.8% of customs assessed value

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- Skis: 18.8% of customs assessed value
 - Air cleaner : 18.8% of customs assessed value
- One additional used electrical appliance is generally duty/tax free except in the following cases :
- 2 extra used t.v. sets upto 29": Duty Free
 - 1 extra t.v. set (29-49"): Duty Free
 - Any t.v. set over 50": dutiable at 18.8% of customs assessed value
- Alcohol, Tobacco Products, Automobile, Boats, Aircrafts, Motorcycle are all dutiable.
 - Customs Duty is calculated generally based on value determined by customs authority instead of original purchase price or current value declared by customer.

Prohibited Items

- Drugs, firearms, ammunition and pornographic material (firearms can only be imported with a special permit from the proper Korean authority).
- Imitation of bank notes and coins.

Automobiles / Motorcycles

- All automobiles/motorcycles being imported into the Republic of Korea are subject to pay high duty/tax unless they belong to diplomatic or military personnel/ U.S. Governmental Contractor (SOFA: Status of Forces Agreement).
- An automobile/motorcycle must have been registered under shipper's name at least three months before shipping to Korea. Proof of ownership / age (Registration record, Title, Insurance policy and/or Purchasing receipts necessary).
- Korean made vehicle, which have been used more than 3 months are free of import duty/tax, however a Korean vehicle, which has been assembled in a foreign country is NOT eligible for import without duty/tax.

Please contact your OMNI agent, for additional information.

- Used or new automobile/motorcycle can be imported only when the automobile/motorcycle is registered under the name of shipper for over three months.
- All foreign -made new and used vehicles are subject to korean customs duty. the rate are as follows:
 - engine displacement - under 2000 cc: 26.52% of cif value
 - engine displacement - over 2000 cc: 34.24% of cif value
- In the case of used car, the duty will be calculated based on the following residual value after depreciation which becomes tax base:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Used more than 6 months: 93.3%. ➤ 1 year: 88.0% ➤ 2 years: 76.6% ➤ 3 years: 64.8%. ➤ 4 years: 52.9% ➤ 5 years: 42.5% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used more than 6 years: 33.7% 7 years: 26.1% 8 years: 19.4% 9 years: 14.2% 10 years: 10.0%
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- In case the shipper is on diplomatic or sofa status, car can be imported without customs duty. in this case, however, the car cannot be sold or transferred to other persons for three (3) years after customs clearance. after three years the car can be sold or transferred to other persons but only after paying Korean customs duty calculated at that time.

Additional documents required – Automobile/Motorcycle

- ✓ automobile/motorcycle title registration record
 - ✓ certificate (original) original
 - ✓ purchase receipt or invoice insurance policy (original or copy)
 - ✓ vehicle must be listed on the bill of lading and inventory with full technical specifications (vin no., make, model, plate number, year, etc.)
- In the case of automobile or motorcycle, if the owner's arrival into korea is already over 6 months, the automobile and motorcycle are classified as non-household goods, and the owner has to go through the following formalities

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Diplomatic Shipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Household goods and personal effects of foreign diplomats are exempt from examination. ➤ Korean diplomats are subject to the same regulations as those of any returning Korean resident, their shipments are inspected as they aren't diplomat status in Korea. <p>Please specify DIPLOMATIC HOUSEHOLD GOODS on ocean/air bill of lading.</p>
Update : February 2010	<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> <p>A. Seoul Customs (located in Singal, Yongin):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Residence in Seoul, Anyang, Suwon, Bundang, Southeastern area of Seoul Suburb and Gangwon Province via POE Busan <p>B. Incheon Customs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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 <p>C. Daejeon Customs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Residence in Daejeon, Chungchung Province, Kwangju & Jeola Province via POE BUSAN/INCHEON <p>D. Busan Customs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Residence in Busan and suburb area and Gyungnam Province
Consignment Instructions	<p>Consignment instruction will also need to be changed as below:</p> <p>Consignee: Shipper's name as on passport Shipper's full address in Korea c/o Agent's name Telephone No. of Agent Fax: No. of Agent</p> <p>Notify: Same as above</p>
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