

Philippines *Customs Information for Foreign Citizens*

Customs Regulations

- The following represents the requirements for the import of household goods and personal effects into The Philippines:
- Customer must be in the country before the shipment arrives.
 - Shipment must not arrive before visa is approved.
 - Shipment must arrive within 60 days of the owner's arrival.
 - All shipments are subject to 100% inspection upon arrival.
 - All household goods and personal effects must have been in customer's possession for at least six months prior to importation.
 - Temporary visitors are allowed to bring household goods, personal effects and vehicles provided they file a re-export bond good for six months or pay the levied Customs duties/taxes.
 - For immigrant/permanent resident, all used household goods and personal effects are allowed full tax and duty-free entry on one shipment (air or sea) provided that the goods are imported within 90 days of VISA approval.
 - For those customers retiring to the country, all used household goods and personal effects are allowed an exemption of duty and taxes of U.S. \$7,800 (in assessed duty and taxes).

Documents Required

- The following documents are required for import of household goods and personal effects:
- ✓ Original Passport
 - ✓ Approved working Visa
 - ✓ Authorization letter
 - ✓ Affidavit of legal ownership
 - ✓ Certificate of Employment
 - ✓ Copy of Employment Contract
 - ✓ Copy of Sea Waybill
- Individuals, whose visas are not yet approved by the Commission on Immigration and Deportation, can request a temporary tax and duty-free release of their shipment with the Department of Finance by providing a cash bond, as well as a Letter of Request for the change of visa status that was already submitted to the Commission on Immigration and Deportation.
 - The Cash Bond can be acquired through payment of a premium which is based on 150% of the appraised value as assessed by the Bureau of Customs. This temporary release is only valid for a period of 90 days from the date of filing the Customs Permit with the Bureau of Customs and can be extended for a further 90 days only. If the visa is not approved after this period, penalties will be levied by the Bureau of Customs against the owner up to the forfeiture of the Cash Bond. In order to apply for a cash bond the following is required:
 - ✓ Visa application duly stamped received by Bureau of Immigration (if visa not obtained after shipper's arrival)
 - ✓ Authorization letter
 - ✓ Affidavit of legal ownership (with approved visa) or affidavit for re-export bond
 - ✓ Customs bond
 - ✓ Copy of Inventory (should state each item as "Used" and in English)
 - ✓ Copy of Sea Waybill
 - ✓ Bank Guarantee (certain visa categories only)
 - ✓ Certificate of Employment
 - ✓ Copy of Employment Contract
 - ✓ Manager's Check (amount of cash bond assessed by Bureau of Customs)
 - Other documents may be required, depending on customer's immigration status.

Motor Vehicles

- The import of privately owned vehicles to the Philippines is heavily restricted. The import process is time consuming and a special import permit is required. This permit is available only in the Philippines, and cannot be issued by an embassy or consulate office. Please note that only returning Filipino residents and Foreign Diplomats are permitted to import motor vehicles. The following represents the requirements:
 - Customer must be present for Customs Clearance
 - All vehicles subject to taxes and duties
 - Foreign diplomats are allowed to import motor vehicles duty free
 - All motor vehicles, excluding diplomats, must have an Import Authority Permit issued by the Philippine Bureau of Import Service before the vehicle is shipped.

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Motor Vehicles <i>(continuation)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Owner must have lived abroad for at least one year and car must have been registered in his name at least six months if the car is more than three years old, vehicles more than three years old should be registered under shippers name at least one year prior to application of the Import Permit ➤ Failure to comply with above will result in PENALTIES AND CONFISCATION of vehicle ➤ Auto must arrive within 60 days of customer's arrival ➤ Destination Agent must be contacted prior to shipping any vehicles ➤ Gasoline-fueled cars limited to 2,800 cc not over 1,500 kgs ➤ Right-hand driven vehicles not permitted ➤ Only one vehicle allowed per family ➤ Autos five years old and older not permitted ➤ Banned/unauthorized motor vehicles are subject to seizure; owner subject to penalties following documents are required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Original Registration and proof of ownership ✓ Import Permit from Bureau of Import Services ✓ Original Bill of Sale ✓ Original Passport ✓ Certificate of arrival ✓ Stencils of chassis/engine number ✓ Deed of Sale or Commercial Invoice ▪ Other documents, depending on customer's immigration status.
Pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dogs, cats and most birds are not restricted for importation. Some pets are restricted and customers should check with our destination agent before considering importing a pet. Race horses and game fowl are subject to duties and taxes. The following documents are required for import of a pet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Owner's Passport ✓ Import Permit (from Bureau of Animal Industry) ✓ Identification card of the pet ✓ Pedigree Certificate ✓ Original Vaccination and Health Certificate from origin (Issued within 10 days of the importation. Must show proof that vaccination was administered between 60 to 180 days prior to the flight) ▪ No quarantine is required
Dutiable / Restricted Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Animals, fish, and plants ➤ Films, video tapes, and disks ➤ Medicines ➤ Telecommunication equipment ➤ Color reproduction machine ➤ Motor vehicle parts
Prohibited Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Firearms and ammunition ➤ Realistic toy guns ➤ Narcotics, opium, and opium smoking paraphernalia ➤ Drugs intended for abortion ➤ Pornography ➤ Adulterated and misbranded drugs ➤ Counterfeit, altered, or imitated coins, paper money, banknotes, and securities ➤ Gambling machines and articles ➤ Gold/silver and precious metal bullion ➤ Commercial quantities of foodstuffs, used clothing, and rags

Philippines *Customs Information for Returning Citizens*

Customs Regulations

- Customer must be in the country before the shipment arrives
- Shipment must not arrive before visa is approved
- Shipment must arrive within 60 days after customer's arrival
- All shipments are subject to 100% inspection upon arrival
- All household goods and personal effects must have been in customer's possession for at least six months prior to importation
- Temporary visitors are allowed to bring household goods, personal effects and vehicles provided they file a re-export bond good for six months or pay the levied Customs duties/taxes
- For permanent residents, all used household goods and personal effects are allowed full tax and duty-free entry on one shipment (air or sea) provided that they take advantage within 90 days of VISA approval

Documents Required

- ✓ Passport (original) showing last departure and arrival date
 - ✓ Residence Visa
 - ✓ Affidavit of legal ownership
 - ✓ Authorization letter
 - ✓ Copy of Inventory (should state each item as "used" and in English)
 - ✓ Duplicate appliances always taxable
 - ✓ Each Filipino passport holder is entitled to Php10,000 exemption from the total assessed duties/taxes of which remaining value will be multiplied by 50% across the board. Excess will be paid to the Bureau of Customs prior to cargo's release
 - ✓ Visa application duly stamped received by Bureau of Immigration (if visa not obtained after shipper's arrival)
 - ✓ Authorization letter
 - ✓ Affidavit of legal ownership (with approved visa) or affidavit for re-export bond
 - ✓ Customs bond
 - ✓ Copy of Inventory (should state each item as "Used" and in English)
 - ✓ Copy of Sea Waybill
 - ✓ Bank Guarantee (certain visa categories only)
 - ✓ Certificate of Employment
 - ✓ Copy of Employment Contract
 - ✓ Manager's Check (amount of cash bond assessed by Bureau of Customs)
- Other documents may be required, depending on customer's immigration status

Motor Vehicles

- Customer must be present for Customs clearance
 - All vehicles subject to taxes and duties
 - All motor vehicles, excluding diplomats, must have an Import Authority Permit issued by the Philippine Bureau of Import Service before the vehicle is shipped.
 - Owner must have lived abroad for at least one year and car must have been registered in his name at least six months if the car is more than three years old, vehicles more than three years old should be registered under shippers name at least one year prior to application of the Import Permit
 - Failure to comply with above will result in PENALTIES AND CONFISCATION of vehicle
 - Auto must arrive within 60 days of customer's arrival
 - Destination Agent must be contacted prior to shipping any vehicles
 - Gasoline-fueled cars limited to 2,800 cc not over 1,500 kgs
 - Right-hand driven vehicles not permitted
 - Only one vehicle allowed per family
 - Autos five years old and older not permitted
 - Banned/unauthorized motor vehicles subject to seizure; owner subject to penalties
- Documents required:
- ✓ Original Registration and proof of ownership
 - ✓ Import Permit from Bureau of Import Services
 - ✓ Original Bill of Sale
 - ✓ Original Passport
 - ✓ Certificate of arrival
 - ✓ Stencils of chassis/engine number
 - ✓ Deed of Sale or Commercial Invoice
- Other documents, depending on customer's immigration status.

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Pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Owner's Passport ➤ Import Permit (from Bureau of Animal Industry) ➤ Identification card of the pet ➤ Pedigree Certificate ➤ Original Vaccination and Health Certificate from origin (Issued within 10 days of the importation. Must show proof that vaccination was administered between 60 to 180 days prior to the flight) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No quarantine is required.
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