

| <b>Philippines Customs Information</b> |  |
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| <b>Prohibited and Restricted Goods</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Firearms, ammunition and explosives (unless licensed in advance), obscene literature, photographs or films, politically "undesirable" literature, prohibited drugs, misbranded and adulterated drugs and foodstuffs, gambling machines and paraphernalia, transceivers.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>General Procedure</b>               | <p><b>Household and personal effects</b> are dutiable. However, there is a provision for conditional exemption from duty which is accorded to certain categories of shippers: working foreigners, Diplomatic and USAIS, UN and similar staff.</p> <p>Returning Philippine resident also receive limited exemption.</p>   |
| <b>Documents Required</b>              | <p><b>SHIPPING DOCUMENTS NEEDED (FOR ALL SHIPPERS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ocean Bill of lading or Air Waybill</li> <li>✓ Inventory (in English)</li> </ul> <p><b>WORKING FOREIGNERS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Original Passport of working foreigner (needed for few workdays)</li> <li>✓ Visa (obtained after shipper's arrival and needed for sea shipment and affidavit of Legal Ownership OR</li> <li>✓ Visa application letter copy from employer to Bureau of Immigration and Deportation (BID) and the Re-Export Bond Affidavit. A Certification of Employment on Company letterhead is sufficient for small airfreight only.</li> <li>✓ Authorization to OMNI Agent</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Imported goods should have been owned and in use at least 6 months before entry. The shipment should also arrive in the Philippines within 60 days of owner's arrival. Brand new appliances or what might be construed as "commercial quantities" in a shipment are discouraged. Customs clearance usually takes 1 - 3 workdays for airfreight and 7 - 10 workdays for surface freight once all personal and shipping documents are available.</li> <li>▪ Foreign visa holders, (except "Diplomatic" and Filipino returning residents), with a shipment which arrives before visa approval, must post a Re-Export Bond for the conditional release of the shipment.</li> </ul> <p><b>DIPLOMATIC, UN, FOREIGN AID:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Copy of passport and authorization to OMNI Agent are needed.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Shippers are exempted from duty and, in the case of Diplomats, from physical inspection of the goods. The Embassy concerned needs the shipping documents in order to apply for "free-entry" to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).</li> <li>▪ The processing times can vary and it is the Embassy's responsibility to follow up with DFA. Once completed, your OMNI Agent receives a copy of the "free-entry" and can proceed with the release of cargo, which usually takes 2 - 3 workdays.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Vehicles</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Prior to shipping, Authority/Clearance to import must be acquired to avoid seizure/penalty.</li> <li>➤ Currently, only returning residents and Diplomats are allowed this permission.</li> <li>➤ An import permit can be processed through the Bureau of Import Services, Department of Trade, Manila.</li> <li>➤ Personal documents are required plus Import Authority, stencils of chassis/engine numbers, Commercial Invoice or Deed of Sale, Car registration certificate and separate OBL (if vehicle is shipped in the container as the household goods).</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Pets</b>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pets are dutiable.</li> <li>▪ Prior to the importation must secure Import Permit from Bureau of Animal Industry (Manila). To get this, the client must provide the following information:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Kind of pet, Breed Name, Name of Pet, Name of Owner, Gender, Colour, Tentative flight details/arrival information, copies of health and vaccination certificates, contact fax of agent or person handling the export formalities overseas.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
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