

Singapore

Goods	Documents Required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Used Household goods & Personal Effects (non- Singaporean)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Packing inventory in English. ➤ COPY of Bill of Lading (Express release or originals) / Air waybill. ➤ Photocopy of owner's passport (picture/detail pgs). ➤ Employments pass (For GST Relief entry. ➤ Not more than 6 months from date of issue). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Employment pass application, acknowledgement letter from Ministry of Manpower with a letter from employer OR Approved-in-Principle letter from Ministry of Manpower, will suffice if actual employment pass is not in-hand. ➤ GST Relief must be claimed within six months of owners' official arrival in Singapore. ➤ GST (Goods & Service Tax), if applicable, is 7% of shipper's declared value of goods (used value – NOT insured value). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Owner of goods doesn't need to be in Singapore to clear goods if all paperwork completed in advance with copy of passport. ➤ Shipments can be cleared without employment pass if owner is willing to pay GST. Shipper must declare, "used value" for GST assessment ➤ Normal clearance time for FCL: sea shipments is 3 working days air shipments – 2 working days ➤ LCL shipments up to 5 working days.
Used household goods & personal effects (Singapore Nationals or Permanent Resident)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Same as above. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ GST relief, if goods are all for personal use and owner has lived abroad for more than six months. (Date of leave for overseas assignment) ➤ Proof of employment outside Singapore. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proof of employment outside Singapore may be through work or resident visa or immigration endorsements from origin country for Customs verification.
Diplomatic removal goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Packing inventory in English. ➤ COPY of Bill of (Express release or originals) / Air waybill. ➤ Verification in writing from Embassy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Embassy's verification, with authorised signatory. ➤ Duty exemption entry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤
Automobiles (Import strongly discouraged unless for diplomatic use)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Registration Certificate from origin country ➤ Insurance papers. ➤ Owner's passport. ➤ Inward declaration permit. ➤ Customs duty payment receipt. ➤ Certificate of Compliance with Exhaust Emission Control Standard. ➤ Temporary certificate of entitlement (COE) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Import is subject to securing a Certificate of Entitlement in open bidding at market rates. ➤ Customs duty is 20% of market value. ➤ Additional Registration fee (ARF) is 110% of the market value. ➤ Car over 3 years old are not allowed to be imported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Import of cars is strictly discouraged, unless for diplomatic use. ➤ DO NOT SHIP without first sending the relevant paperwork.
Motorcycles (Import strongly discouraged unless for diplomatic use)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Same as for automobiles. ➤ Must comply with exhaust emission standard specified in the USA code of federal regulations (40 cfr 86.410-80) and prior to registration must produce certificate of compliance issued by manufacturers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Customs duty is 12% of market value. ➤ ARF (Additional registration fee) is 15% of the market value. ➤ COE required as with automobiles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Same as above.

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Firearms (including air-rifles and guns), drugs and Narcotics, Radio Transmitters, Pornography, Martial Art Weapons of Any Kind		Prohibited.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Importation of illicit drugs is subject to imprisonment and death penalty. ➤ Prescription drugs are permitted with doctor's certificates.
Swords, knives (ornamental only)	Permit, issued by Arms & Explosive Authority.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Items will be examined by authority. Owner physical address must be given
Swords and large knives (ornamental – weapons appearance)		Arms & Explosive Authority must issue permit prior to release by Customs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mis-declaring contents to avoid licensing is not recommended.
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	Must be listed in import application with number of bottles, type of alcohol, per cent alcohol and volume. (Manufacturer name, if available)	<p><i>The current duties are expressed in Singapore dollar (SG\$) as follows:</i></p> <p>Intoxicating Liquors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spirits (brandy, whisky, gin, rum, vodka, shandy, other spirits etc): SG\$ 70.00 per liter of alcohol (not exceeding 46% alc/vol) 2. Sparking/still wine 2 liter or less, not exceeding 15% alc/vol: SG\$ 70.00 per liter of alcohol. 3. Tobacco approx US\$ 200.00 per kg <p>All the above are subjected to GST of 7%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Alcohol beverages may be imported in reasonable quantity for own consumption. Shipper has to declare accurately and pay customs duties and current GST (tax) before shipment clears customs. ➤ Duty rates are based on current estimated exchange rates and import duties. Subject to change. ➤ Due to the high customs duties, it is best to discourage shipper from including any liquor in the used household goods shipment. If included, it must <u>be packed together</u> and declared on Alcohol list. ➤ Customs use powerful X-Ray scanner able to detect liquors. If falsely declared or without declaring, shipper may be subjected to customs duties and severe heavy penalty for evading taxes. It is a serious offence in Singapore.
Video Tapes, Laser Discs, Video Discs (visual)	Detailed listing of all titles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Import is allowed but subject to screening by authorities prior to release. ➤ Charges for screening are approximately US\$ 4.00 per hour per tape. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Generally, cartoons and other children's tapes are passed over from screening. ➤ Nudity, strong language, culturally insensitive subject matter is more likely to be edited. Editing charges are additional.