

**Thailand** *Customs Information for Diplomats*

<b>Customs Regulations</b>	<p>Diplomats are able to import household goods duty free on the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Only 1 shipment by sea and 1 shipment by air are permissible under duty-free privilege for each DP 1 form approval.</li> <li>➢ Household Goods &amp; Personal Effects shipments must be cleared in Bangkok and transported to final destination.</li> <li>➢ Any costs incurred as a result of delays in obtaining DP 1 form will be for account of the Embassy.</li> </ul>
<b>Documents Required</b>	<p>Diplomats are able to import household goods duty free with the following documents required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Copy of passport</li> <li>✓ The Ocean Bill of Lading or Airway Bill</li> <li>✓ Packing list/Inventory</li> <li>✓ Embassy DP 1 Form (Approval from Thailand Foreign Ministry for diplomatic privilege and duty free import)</li> </ul> <p>▪ Customs clearance cannot take place without Form DP1 approval requiring 7-14 working days.</p> <p>▪ Provided all documents are complete, customs clearance takes approx. 3-5 working days but failure to provide the documents can cause customs clearance delays and result in higher import fees to the owner of the goods.</p>
<b>Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles</b>	<p>➢ <b>Diplomats can import any car or motorcycle with an approved Form DP 1, however the vehicle cannot be sold in Thailand without incurring duties and taxes.</b></p>
<b>Pets</b>	<p>It is recommended that pets be brought into Thailand as "excess baggage" and not as freight via the airport cargo section. The following information is required for processing import permits at least three days prior to arrival:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Description of animal including name, age, sex, color, breed, color, height and weight.</li> <li>✓ Copy of photo page of owner's passport.</li> <li>✓ Copy of Vaccination and Health certificates from licensed vet at origin</li> <li>✓ Flight arrival details</li> </ul> <p>▪ There is no quarantine required for Thailand and pets are taken through customs as one would normally do when carrying your baggage after a flight. Customs may request import permit.</p> <p>▪ There are no documented duty amounts although a nominal clearance fee per pet will usually be negotiated. Pets traveling under "excess baggage status" have no time restrictions regarding their travel.</p> <p>▪ If a pet's clears customs at cargo terminal, the process can take many hours and the client must present import permit to customs and duty will be assessed.</p> <p>▪ While there are no documented duty amounts, the fee will be approximately 30% of freight cost. Duty will also be dependent upon the size of the animal. Duties from US\$150 to US\$1,000 are not uncommon.</p>
<b>Dutiable / Restricted Items</b>	Not Applicable.
<b>Prohibited Items</b>	Not Applicable.

**Thailand** *Customs Information for Foreign Citizens*

<b>Customs Regulations</b>	<p>Foreign Citizens importing household goods and personal effects and seeking duty free exemption must comply fully with the following requirements, otherwise the shipment will be classified non-exempt and subject to taxes and duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Only a full 1 year work permit or 1 year new visa which is issued in Thailand will be accepted. No other work permit, visa, Thai Residency Status or Thailand elite card will be considered acceptable.</li> <li>➢ Shipment must originate from the same country as owner's last place of residence or work.</li> <li>➢ Shipment must arrive in Thailand not earlier than 3 months to owner's arrival/return to Thailand and not later than 6 months after the owners arrival.</li> <li>➢ Only one of each type of electrical item is allowed, i.e. if owner has 3 fridges, full duty will be assessed on the two more expensive units.</li> <li>➢ Household goods and personal effects must have been owned and used more than 6 months. New goods are subject to full duty.</li> <li>➢ Computers, fax machines and phones may be considered as office equipment and subject to duties and taxes.</li> <li>➢ Only 1 shipment by sea and 1 shipment by air are permissible under duty-free privilege.</li> <li>➢ Only a "reasonable" volume of goods (determined by Customs) may be imported duty-free per shipper. As a guide, normally up to 1x40' container is acceptable.</li> <li>➢ The Customer does not need to be personally present at clearance, but all household goods must be cleared in Bangkok and then transported to final destination. Failure to provide the correct documents or follow the above procedures will result in delays and higher costs that will be the responsibility of the customer.</li> </ul>
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**Thailand** *Customs Information for Foreign Citizens (cont)*

**Documents Required**

- Foreign Citizens are able to import household goods duty free with the following documents required:
- ✓ Copy of client's passport to commence the import process. The client's actual passport will be required to final customs clearance.
  - ✓ Ocean Bill of Lading or Airway Bill
  - ✓ Packing list/Inventory
  - ✓ Original 1 Year Work Permit
- With all documentation in order, clearance typically takes 3-5 working days.
  - Failure to provide the above documents and to follow the procedures/instructions can cause customs clearance delays and result in higher import fees to the owner.

**Motor Vehicles**

- As a result of the complexities, it is not recommended that a Foreign Citizen imports a vehicle into Thailand.
- The vehicle model must be pre-approved by Thai Industrial Standard Institute and if the vehicle is not approved the client must apply for import license, according to directive 93/59/EEC.
- If the vehicle is used the client must apply for an import permit from the Ministry of Commerce before the car can be shipped. It can not be shipped prior to application, whilst in transit or once arrived.
- The owner must have had a driver's license for at least one year and six months.
- The following documents are required:
  - ✓ Original Purchase Order
  - ✓ Photo of car (or car model catalogue if applicable) and full description of any extras/options.
  - ✓ Passport
  - ✓ Car registration documents
  - ✓ Client's drivers license

Duties on imported car not exceeding 2300 CC is approx. 200-270% depending upon the model, year etc. for cars over 2300 CC duty can be up to 600%.

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**Dutiable / Restricted Items**

High duties are placed on all goods if client is deemed to not have been overseas continuously for at least a full year or more. In addition, especially high duties apply to electrical goods, carpets and luxury goods. This following list is a guideline only and subject to customs own interpretations and are also subject to VAT/Sales Tax:

➤ Electrical and electronic goods	30%
➤ Furniture, kitchenware, toys	30%
➤ Books	US\$3 per kg
➤ Clothes	US\$4 per kg
➤ Rugs, carpets and golf clubs	At Customs Discretion
➤ Artwork, luxury goods etc.	At Customs Discretion

In addition to the above, alcohol, foodstuffs, and Buddha images and anything with an engine require special import licensing and should not be included in the shipment without prior consultation.

**Prohibited Items**

- The following items are prohibited from import into Thailand and should not be included in your shipment:
- ✓ Firearms and ammunition
  - ✓ Pornographic materials
  - ✓ Short-wave radios
  - ✓ Medical equipment
  - ✓ Gold and silver
- Please contact our agent at destination agent if in any doubt regarding the contents of your shipment if you are in any doubt about any items.

**Thailand** *Customs Information for Returning Citizens*

**Customs Regulations**

- Duty free exemption is only available to returning Thai Citizens that have been overseas continuously for at least one year. In addition frequent travel to and from Thailand during this period may compromise overseas status.
- Returning Thai Citizens importing household goods and personal effects and seeking duty free exemption must comply fully with the following requirements, otherwise the shipment will be classified non-exempt and subject to taxes and duties:
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