

United States via Seattle

Goods	Documents Required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Separate specific inventory of alcohol being imported ➢ Specific details on alcoholic: kind of alcohol, alcoholic content, age of alcohol, value, when purchased 	Subject to various duties at port of entry depending on type of alcohol imported. Clearance: 4 to 5 days. Customer presence is not required for clearance.	Must have all information regarding alcohol at least 3 days before shipment arrives.
Diplomatic Removals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ US Customs Form 3299 ➢ Inventory ➢ Diplomatic clearances must be requested through US Consulate and US State Dept. and be so stipulated on OBL or AWB. Copy must be submitted by Foreign Embassy to US State Dept. for approval prior to arrival of vessel in US. 	US Customs has right of inspection but no duties or confiscation apply if valid diplomatic privileges have been granted by US State Dept. Clearance: If approved by US State Dept, no delay if Foreign Embassy has submitted requests/copies of OBL/AWB at least 1wk prior to arrival. Customer presence is not required for clearance.	Requests for Diplomatic privileges should be made at origin through US Consulate and/or agreed by them.
Firearms and Weapons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Proof of ownership ➢ Various registration certificates/ licenses ➢ If weapon was originally purchased or owned by shipper in US proof of sale and date of sale required 	Various federal and state regulations make dealing through a licensed weapons broker essential. Automatic small arms and heavy weapons are prohibited. Clearance: At least one week. Customer presence required for clearance? Maybe	Must have proper documents at least 3 days before shipment arrives.
Household Goods and Personal Effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ US Customs Form 3299 ➢ OBL or AWB ➢ Inventory of Household Goods 	Used household goods are duty free if they have been in the owner's possession and utilization for at list one full year and are for owner's continued use in USA. Clearance: Free entry clearance 3 to 4 days after ship arrives in port. Customer presence is not required for clearance.	Must have required documents at least 3 days before ship arrives. Form 3299 must be completed prior to shipping overseas and must accompany shipping documents.
New Furniture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Inventory ➢ Sales invoices indicating price of items, date and year of purchase, and place of purchase. 	Items purchased within one year of import are subject to customs duties. Clearance: 4 to 5 days. Customer presence is not required for clearance.	Must have required documents at least 3 days before shipment arrives
Pets and Animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Proof of inoculation ➢ Need export and import permit for endangered species (i.e.: certain birds) 	Animals may be subject to quarantine by US Dept. of Agriculture. Endangered species and 'exotic' animals can inhibit importation. Clearance: Depends on type of animal being imported. Customer presence is required for clearance.	Check with US Customs and agriculture at port of entry regarding any inoculations/ quarantines and/or restrictions.
Valuables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Proof of ownership and date of purchase and purchase price or evaluation ➢ Sales receipts 	Varies depending on items. Clearance: Depends on item being imported. Customer presence is not required for clearance.	Valuables such as jewelry should be hand carried by owner. Recommend antiques and paintings be evaluated prior to shipping
Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ DOT/EPA Form to be completed and signed by owner ➢ Must have vehicle plate indicating compliance with US emission standards and safety standards ➢ Proof of ownership 	Return of US autos are duty free if owner can supply copy of bill of sale in Us and prove no modifications have been made to vehicle. Clearance: 1 to 2 weeks. Customer presence maybe required for clearance.	Failure to meet US Emission standards can lead to cost prohibitive conversion costs as well as bonding/detention expenses
Notes			Shippers should be cautioned about random Customs inspections at U.S. ports, which can result in fees from \$300 to \$1,000 if all necessary clearance and documentation procedures have not been followed.

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