

Vietnam

**Customs Regulations
 2011**

*Household Goods
 and Personal
 Effects*

- The client must be in Vietnam prior to the arrival of effects and must work for a registered company or organization.
- Only a foreign diplomat may automatically import household goods and personal effects into Vietnam duty free. Most UN offices and NGO's have the right to import duty-free but this must be written into the "Memorandum of Understanding" with the Vietnamese Government.
- All other clients may import household goods and personal effects into Vietnam, but they will be subject to duty. The duty amount varies from 40% to 70% of the customs assessed value of the items, but is generally only applied to the major electrical items. JVK will work with the shipper and his/her company to minimize the duty liability.

Documents Required for Clearance:

Original immigration form. Upon arrival at the airport the shipper must go to the immigration desk (next to the passport inspection area) and request an Immigration Card for an unaccompanied shipment, which must be filled out there by the shipper and stamped by the customs officer on duty. The original should be kept by the shipper and handed over to JVK when the shipment arrives. This rule applies for both air and sea shipments

Air shipments:

- Original passport and visa
- Original immigration card which declares the unaccompanied shipment (must have been stamped by customs at arrival)
- Authorization Letters which we will prepare and send to client's Vietnam company for signature and company stamp (client must work for registered company in Vietnam)
- Stamped copy of passport and visa
- Note: Air shipments over 500kgs will require an original work permit as well

Sea shipments:

- Valid Work permit issued by the Vietnam Government (both original & stamped copy)
- Original immigration card which declares the unaccompanied shipment (must have been stamped by customs at arrival)
- Authorization Letters which we will prepare and send to client's Vietnam company for signature and company stamp (client must work for registered company in Vietnam)
- Stamped copy of passport and visa

- **All electrical items** should be clearly identified on the descriptive inventory, stating brand, model, and serial number.
- **All books, CDs, DVDs, computer and audio discs etc.** should be packed together and clearly identified on the packing inventory. They will need to be allowed entry by the Ministry of Culture but nowadays this is a formality and practically nothing is screened. There should be no pornography or anti-Vietnamese literature in the consignment as this will result in severe delays and repercussions.
- **All shipments, except diplomatic household good shipments,** are subject to inspection by Vietnamese Customs and Ministry of Culture Departments. JVK staff would be present when this is done.
- **All antiques** should be declared to the Ministry of Culture upon importation, otherwise re-export could be a problem if they are considered Vietnamese. Photographs would be useful as proof of entry.
- Please ensure that the shipper's name, as written on all packages, is the same as shown in his/her passport. Otherwise delays with customs may occur.

*Prohibited and
 Restricted Goods*

Goods prohibited from entering Vietnam include **firearms, ammunition, pornographic material, satellite dishes, short wave radios, narcotics, or "subversive literature or materials"**.

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<i>Motor Vehicles (Autos and Motorbikes)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Only a foreign diplomat and/or UN/NGO personnel (with duty free status) may import a new vehicle into Vietnam tax-free. Only a diplomat may import a used vehicle and this must still be 85% "new" (please check with JVK before sending a used vehicle because normally permission has to be granted by the Protocol Dept; in advance of shipping). ➤ For all other foreigners and returning Vietnamese nationals, it is almost impossible to import a vehicle into Vietnam. However, the procedures for a non-diplomat to import a vehicle are changing and there is new legislation to allow the importation of second-hand vehicles into Vietnam. However, as the duty rates are extremely high at the moment (around 600%) great care should be given before shipping. ➤ Note that the process of importing Vehicles into Vietnam takes upto one month - Demurrage costs will apply during this time, we suggest shipping HHE's & VEHICLES separately to avoid delays in delivery of the shippers HHE.
<i>Animals and Pets</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Most pets, including dogs, cats, and birds, can be brought into Vietnam with no quarantine period. ▪ The documents necessary at the time of import are a current health certificate (not more than 7 days old) and a current vaccination card. ▪ A copy of these documents must be scanned or faxed to JVK at least 5 days prior to arrival. ▪ The shipper must be in Vietnam at the time of clearance and again must work for a registered company or organization.
<i>Consignment Instructions</i>	<p>Consign both sea and air shipments to: Shipper (name spelt exactly as in passport) C/o his or her company name and address in Vietnam.</p> <p>Notify Party (for Hanoi): JVK Indochina Movers (Vietnam) Ltd. 6 To Ngoc Van Quang An Ward, Tay Ho District Hanoi, Vietnam Tel: 844-3826-0334 Fax: 844-3715-0650 E-mail: hanoi.vietnam@jvkasia.com</p> <p>Notify Party (for Ho Chi Minh City): JVK Indochina Movers (Vietnam) Ltd. 1st Floor, Saigon Port Building 3 Nguyen Tat Thanh Street, District 4 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Tel: 848-3826-7655 Fax: 848-3826-4142 E-mail: hcmcity.vietnam@jvkasia.com</p>