

Vietnam (Northern Region)

Goods	Documents Required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
<p>Ports: Hanoi (air) and Haiphong (sea) Prohibited: Narcotics, Firearms, Drugs, Explosives, Pornography, Subversive Material Cont: None for shipping, but all containers must be devanned in Hanoi prior to delivery because of very narrow roads.</p>			
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Inventory with exact number and size of bottles. 	<p>Only a 'reasonable amount' may be imported as part of personal effects shipment. Duty will be levied.</p> <p>Clearance: 1 week</p>	
Diplomatic Removals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Letter of authorization, and diplomats duty-free book 	<p>Duty-free entrance for foreign diplomats, provided diplomat does not exceed his/her allowance on liquor, electrical appliances, or vehicles.</p> <p>Clearance: 1 week</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Books, pictures, tapes, and antiques will be subject to Ministry of Culture inspection. ➤ Customs frequently exercise their right to inspect shipment at the port of entry. ➤ Only limited liquor and one of each major electrical appliance may be imported duty-free. ➤ United Nations employees are subject to same restrictions. United Nations contracted personnel may be liable for duty on the entire shipment.
Firearms and Weapons			Do not attempt to import into Vietnam.
Household Goods and Personal Effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Company registration ➤ Detailed valued packing list (with Company stamp) in England and Vietnamese ➤ Customer's Customs on Arrival form ➤ Letter of authorization with Company stamp ➤ Copy of passport 	<p>All shipments of personal effects (other than diplomatic or UN personnel) are subject to import duty.</p> <p>Amount of duty is based on Customs assessed value (this is 'negotiable'). Customer is entitled to import personal effects up to US\$1000.00 duty free.</p> <p>Books, pictures, tapes, compact discs and antiques are subject to a Ministry of Culture clearance prior to release.</p>	
New Furniture			Same as for Household Goods and Personal Effects.
Pets and Animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Owners passport ➤ Valid Health Certificate with vaccination history (pet must have been vaccinated for rabies). 	<p>Clearance: Provided documents are in order, clearance is completed on arrival.</p>	Do not forward pets as air cargo. Only import if pet can accompany customer on aircraft.
Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Detailed packing list ➤ Commercial Invoice ➤ Chassis/engine number ➤ Company Registration ➤ Letter of authorization 	<p>Unless vehicle is for diplomatic or United Nations use, donation, or is part of official foreign investment with duty-free status, duty is to be paid.</p> <p>Duty is currently 200% on cars, less for trucks - depending on size. No second hand cars are allowed to be imported into Vietnam. Diplomats can apply for special permit to import used cars, but this takes time.</p> <p>Clearance: 1 week</p>	

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