



**BELARUS**



## **CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS**

### **HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS**

#### **Documents Required**

- Copy of Passport
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Residence Permit
- Lease / Purchase Agreement
- Letter of Employment
- Government permission for duty-free import
- Detailed inventory
- Pro-forma Invoice
- Import Declaration TD-4
- Diplomatic Passport (Diplomats)
- Diplomatic / Accreditation Card (both sides) (Diplomats with accreditation)
- Confirmation and authorization of Embassy (Diplomats with accreditation)
- Obligation to export all temporary assets (temporary residents only)

#### **Specific Information**

- All shipments are subject to duties and taxes according to the Import Declaration and are subject to inspection.
- Shippers must present all documents personally. It is strongly recommended that all documents are detailed and accurate.
- All Customs duties and THC will be paid by the shipper at the Customs office.
- All documents must be written in Russian or in English with the Russian translation, on company letterhead, signed and stamped.
- The following persons may qualify for duty- and tax-free import:
  - Diplomats
  - Foreigners with an Accreditation Card from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  - Persons granted free import by a government institution or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  - Persons sent abroad for employment purposed for at least 11 months (may request permission only once per year)
  - Temporary residents with arranged export of assets
  - Foreigners who have a BY Resident Permit
  - Persons who have received an inheritance in a foreign country
- Used household goods and personal effects shipments valued at 1000 EUR – 10000 EUR and a weight of 35 kg – 200 kg must pay duties of approximately 30% from the value or 2 EUR / kg, whichever is higher + duty-fixed taxes of approximately 35 EUR.
- Shipments of used household goods and personal effects with a value greater than 10000 EUR and a weight more than 200 kg must pay duties of approximately 60% from the value or 4 EUR kg, whichever is higher + a duty-fixed tax of approximately 35 EUR.
- Customs duties are paid according to the Import Declaration directly to the government.

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## MOTOR VEHICLES

### Documents Required

- Title / Registration
- OBL

### Specific Information

- Vehicles with more than 4 wheels cannot be imported.

## PETS

### Documents Required

- Vaccination Record
- Veterinary Health Certificate

### Specific Information

- The Veterinary Health Certificate must be issued within 10 days prior to arrival.
- Pigeons cannot be imported.

## RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Flowers and their parts (permission is required)
- Musical instruments (2 photographs of each item required)
- Artwork and objects (2 photographs of each item require)
- Food items and alcohol must be in accompanied baggage

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Drugs / psychotropic drugs
- Subversive materials, including books, CDs, DVDs and cassettes
- Weapons
- Metals, including ore in bullion
- Radiation / ionizing EQ

## CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

**Recommended:** Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

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### Helpful Website(s):

[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1033.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1033.html)

<http://minsk.usembassy.gov>