



## CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

### HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

#### Documents Required

- Copy of Passport
- Copy of Visa
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Packing list
- Pro-forma Invoice
- Employment confirmation (Diplomats must submit on Embassy letterhead)
- Separate list of antique items (all items produced before 1945)
- Separate list of all books issued before 1939 (must include name of author and year of issue)
- Copy of Diplomatic Card (Diplomats)
- Immigration Card (non-Diplomats)
- Work Permit (non-Diplomats)
- Employment Contract (non-Diplomats)
- Employer Registration Certificate (non-Diplomats)
- Temporary Import Obligation (non-Diplomats)
- Letter from shipper's organization requesting Customs procedures (non-Diplomats)
- Copy of company's Registration Certificate (non-Diplomats)
- Detailed inventory list (must include a detailed description of each item, total number of pieces, Customs value for each item, total value for Customs purposes, which should align with value on Pro-forma Invoice); stamp from shipper's organization in the Ukraine is recommended (non-Diplomats)
- Separate list of art objects (non-Diplomats)
- Separate list of DVDs, CDs, audio and videotapes
- Separate list of all electrical appliances with serial number; if possible, an original purchase receipt should be attached for all items listed
- Separate list of all books before 1953, including name of author and year of issue (non-Diplomats)
- Customs Declaration

#### Specific Information

- It is recommended that DVDs, CDs, and audio and videotapes be packaged into separate sealed boxes.
- Shipments containing more than a total combined 20 DVDs and CDs will pay a Customs inspection fee of USD 1 per each DVD or CD.
- Every in-bound shipment is subject to the issuance of a Customs Declaration for each Harmonized System code (HS code).
- The cost of the Customs Declaration will be determined during Customs clearance.
- The shipper's organization mentioned on the AWB must be registered in the Ukraine.
- If there is no detailed inventory list for any shipment, the Customs officer is entitled to make an intensive inspection and evaluate every item; this process can range from approximately 3 to 10 working days, which may result in an increase in Customs fees and value added tax (VAT) to paid by the shipper.

### MOTOR VEHICLES

#### Documents Required

- Certificate of Title / Registration

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- OBL / AWB
- Purchase Invoice

## Specific Information

- All imported vehicles are subject to Customs duties, excise and value added tax (VAT), which are based upon predetermined fee schedules as well as vehicle characteristics including engine type and cubic capacity.

## PETS

### Documents Required

- Certificate of Vaccination
- Veterinary Health Certificate
- Pet Passport

### Specific Information

- Permission from the Embassy in the Ukraine is required for the import of live animals.
- The Veterinary Health Certificate must bear the seal of a licensed veterinarian in the origin country, issued within 10 days of arrival.
- Dogs and cats under 3 months of age cannot be imported.

## RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- The following items may qualify for free import if within the limits indicated:
- Wine and spirits (1 L)
- Cigarettes (200), cigars (50), tobacco products (250 g); only persons above 18 years old may import tobacco products.

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Weapons of all kinds
- Medicines and chemicals
- Pornography
- Narcotics and drugs
- Toxic and radioactive materials
- Alcohol and food items
- Live plants and seeds
- Skins and animal furs
- Feathers and items containing feathers
- Cleaning and washing materials
- Items under pressure and flammables
- Jewelry
- Currency and bank notes
- Tobacco
- Pigeons

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## 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://ukraine.usembassy.gov>

[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1053.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1053.html)