



**VIETNAM**



## CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

### HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

#### Documents Required

- Copy of Passport (identification pages only)
- Detailed inventory
- Packing list
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Vietnam Entry Visa (valid at least 3 or more months)
- Original Vietnam Arrival-Departure Card
- Letter of Employment
- Original Work Permit

#### Specific Information

- All air shipments are physically inspected by Customs at the air terminal. The average time is approximately 1-2 days.
- Sea shipments will normally undergo physical Customs inspection. The average time for Customs Clearance is 2-3 days for full container load (FCL) shipments and 3-5 days for less container load (LCL) shipments.
- Sea or air shipments of diplomatic status are exempt from Customs inspections (Diplomats).
- All shipments undergo cultural inspections. This process takes approximately 3-4 days. Inspection may include, but is not limited to, books, art works, DVDs, CDs, antiques.

### MOTOR VEHICLES

#### Documents Required

- Original Passport
- Residency Card
- Proof of ownership
- Original Purchase Invoice.

#### Specific Information

- Only left-hand drive vehicles can be imported and are subject to substantial government tax and duties.
- Proof of ownership and original purchase invoice are required.

**Note:** *The import of motor vehicles is a complicated and tedious process. It is recommended that motor vehicles be purchased in Vietnam.*

### PETS

#### Documents Required

- Owner's Passport
- Vaccination Record
- Owner's Entry Visa (valid at least 3+ months)
- International Health Certificate

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- Import Permit
- Flight arrival details

## Specific Information

- The Import Permit is required by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department.
- Quarantine for pets traveling as cargo is required but is usually a couple of hours.

## RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Duty shall be payable on the following types of liquor at the rate expressed as a percentage of the value of the liquor:
  - Liquor with an alcoholic strength of less than 30% measured at a 20°C: 125-150%
  - Liquor with an alcoholic strength of more than 30% measured at a 20°C: 125-150%
  - Wine (10-20 bottles duty free): 125-150%
- Duty shall be payable on tobacco at the following rates:

>100 cigars:	150%	Prepared tobacco (> 50 grams):	45%
>400 cigarettes:	150%	All other manufactured tobacco products:	45%
- Personal computers are charged import duty at 15%. Personal printers are charged duty at 10%.
- Non-perishable food items and items in cans and other durable packaging can be imported in small amounts.

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Weapons
- Ammunitions
- Explosives
- Military equipment
- Radio transmitters
- Satellite dishes
- Poisonous chemicals
- Cultural products
- Articles of anti-government nature
- Fireworks
- Toys and games which affect public moral education and security
- Pornographic or subversive materials
- Motorbikes

## 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\\_1060.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1060.html)

<http://www.customs.gov.vn/english/lists/vietnamcustoms/Details.aspx?ID=2>

<http://www.internations.org/vietnam-expats/guide/driving-in-vietnam-15641/traffic-rules-and-admin-issues-in-vietnam-2>