



Customs Procedure for Importation of Household Goods in to Canada

New immigrants: May import one shipment of household goods and personal effects free of taxes, provided they have been used and owned in that country of origin, for a period of over 1 year.

Returning Canadian Citizens, who have lived overseas for at least one full year, may import duty free a shipment of household and personal effects & car, boat, provided sole owned and used six months prior to arrival in Canada.

All shipments are subject to customs inspection; Note all goods must be retained by owner for a period of 1 year.

Physical personal attendance for customs clearance of the customer is mandatory; failure to be present will result in goods being transferred to bonded storage at the customer's expense.

Documents Required

Passport, and visa (if required), the work permit (if appropriate).

The packing inventory (English or French) noting electronics, make, model, serial number.

Landed immigration papers if applicable for new immigrants, letter of undertaking (not always necessary),

Returning Canadians should have the following documents:

Proof of residency outside of Canada, letter from employer, rent receipts, income tax, bank statements etc.

If a seasonal resident In Canada, applicable to non residents, owning a residential property, documents required are a proof of purchase/copy of lease agreement, passport copy, also a detailed inventory in English and or French; Note goods must be owned for one year prior and cannot be sold for at least one year after arrival in Canada.

Inherited items require personal identification. An inventory in English or French, a copy of the Death Certificate, statement from the executor of the will and a copy of the will stating the customer as the beneficiary.

Donated Inherited items require a signed statement from the donor stating the reason for the gift or a statement from the executor of the estate. (Note above may be subject to import taxes and or duties).

Prohibited and Restricted Items

Prohibited items such as weaponry, explosives, fireworks and any ammunition, narcotic drugs, pornographic items, any animal products listed as endangered species.

Importation of plants, sand and other related items require a certificate and Import permit issued by the Department of Agriculture and fruits and vegetables are prohibited.

Any deemed commercial quantities or new items will incur customs duties.

NOTE: Inclusion of the above in any shipment will delay customs and incur additional expenses for the customer.

Live Animals

All pets require an International health and inoculation certificate and inspection by the Department of Agriculture

Dogs, birds, livestock, and horses that are three months old or older from the United States can be imported, provided they are accompanied by a certificate signed and dated by a veterinarian, showing that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies within the last year. Note; Pets must be vaccinated at least 30 days prior to entry.

The certificate must identify the animal by its breed, age, sex, color, and any distinguishing marks.

Quarantine will be required for some types of animals; length may depend on the type of animal and country of its country of origin.

Motor Vehicles

All motor vehicles are subject to Canadian motor vehicle safety and emission control regulations.

Motor vehicles over 15 years old are subject to differing regulations and costly modifications may apply.

The motor vehicle must be labelled "Statement of Compliance" affixed by the manufacturer.

The motor vehicle may be subject to local taxes but are duty-free.

Note immediate registration and licensing are required for exemption from duties.

Visit : <http://www.tc.gc.ca/roadsafety/safevehicles/importation/index.htm>

Documents required: registration, proof of ownership.

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