

Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of Visa.</li> <li>• Copy of passport.</li> <li>• U.S. Customs Form 3299 (Importer's Declaration).</li> <li>• Supplemental Declaration Form RC-159 in the case of international foreign residents who have not established a residence at time of entry.</li> <li>• Inventory of goods.</li> <li>• Ocean Bill of Lading or AWB.</li> <li>• U.S. Customs Service Supplemental Declaration for Unaccompanied Personal and Household Effects.</li> </ul>	<p>Duty free if removal goods consist of used household effects which have been in the owner's use and possession abroad for at least one year, and which will keep on being used by the owner in the new residence.</p> <p>B/L (including Express Bills of Lading) must include the following information for container movements to the USA via Canada.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name and date of birth of the owner of the goods.</li> <li>• Address, city, state at origin.</li> <li>• Address, city, state at destination.</li> </ul> <p>This change came into force on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2002.</p>	<p>The household goods should not arrive prior to the owner's arrival date. US Customs will not let the goods cleared until the shipper arrival in US.</p> <p>This causes unnecessary container detention charges.</p> <p>Owner should complete the Customs form 3299 prior to shipment of his goods, indicating flight date of arrival, to support their arrival date. This form should be attached to the shipping documents.</p>
Diplomatic goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for diplomatic privilege through Consulate and U.S. Department of State or</li> <li>• Ocean bill of Lading or AWB.</li> </ul>	Duty free entry - no inspection of goods.	Importer's U.S. Consulate or United Nations Mission's Office must initiate the request for free diplomatic entry.
Wedding trousseaux	Separate declaration on reverse side of Customs form 3299.	Liable to assessment of customs duties.	
Inheritance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevant extract of the Will or copy of Probate from Court if deceased died interstate.</li> <li>• Copy of inventory.</li> </ul>	Liable to assessment of duty.	If goods were used by the inheritor as a child in deceased's home and are not intended for resale here, a letter of circumstances to this effect can often serve to gain duty free entry.
New furniture, household goods and souvenirs	Sales invoice showing item, price, date and place of purchase.	If owner cannot prove purchase was made at least one year prior to import, goods are subject to various rates of duty.	
Works of Art, Antiques	Antiques require production of a certificate of antiquity showing approximate date of production. U.S. Customs has the right to order antiques to U.S. Customs appraisers'	Articles must be at least 100 years old to be considered antique and admitted duty free. Works of art are duty free if they constitute part of household goods removal, possessed by	Antiques and works of art imported into the U.S. for resale are subject to different regulations.

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Jewellery and precious metal		Silverware and ornaments are duty free when imported as part of normal household goods.	Jewellery must not be included with household goods but should accompany owner on arrival.
Computers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See removal goods.</li> <li>• Specify on inventory, make, model, serial number, value, country of manufacture and where located in shipment. (ex. lift van - rear of container etc.).</li> </ul>	Liable to assessment of duty. US Customs will confiscate computers which are deemed counterfeit or private.	Is to be placed within shipment. so that US Customs have easy access. Remarks: applicable either when imported as part of removal or as personal luggage.
Motor vehicles including motorcycles, caravans and trailers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of ownership.</li> <li>• Steam cleaning certificate.</li> <li>• Copy of U.S. Title, Vehicle Registration or letter from Manufacturer's U.S. Representative stating that vehicle was originally manufactured to meet U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Transportation standards. Vehicles 25 or more years old are exempt from Environmental protection Agency and Department of Transportation standards; however, proof of age, proof of ownership and copy of foreign registration are required.</li> </ul>	Current rate of duty IS 2.5% of value appraised by Customs. Returned American autos can be admitted free of duty if owner can supply copy of U.S. purchase invoice or export Bill of Lading.	Autos not meeting U.S. emission requirements should not be considered for import as bonding cost (25 to 100% of value of vehicle) and conversion costs can often cost more than value of auto. Time frame in which to comply to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• safety standards: 120 days</li> <li>• emission standards: 90 days</li> </ul> If these time frames are not respected, car has to be re-exported, could be confiscated, destroyed, and/or a fine up to US \$10.000 could be imposed. Strongly suggest contacting for safety standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Safety Administration Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NES-32, 407<sup>th</sup> Street S.W., Washington, DC20590. Web site: <a href="http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov">http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov</a></li> </ul> for "gray market" cars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/ruies/import/gray0797.html">http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/ruies/import/gray0797.html</a></li> </ul>

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			Emission standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air, Noise &amp; Radiation, Washington, DC 20460</li> <li>• prior to shipment, for particular current regulations.</li> </ul> IMPORTANT Non-conforming vehicles should be shipped separately so that they don't delay the clearance of the removals.
Boats	Not subject to above emission rules.	Duty free if part of household goods, owned at least one year and not for re-sale.	
Wine and alcoholic beverages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Descriptive inventory.</li> <li>• Licence may be required.</li> </ul>	Subject to various rates of duty and taxes.	Do not recommend importing. Some states prohibit entry and Customs will confiscate.
Plants and food		Plants: Prohibited. Food: No meat or meat by-products.  <b>Any shipment arriving at any USA sea or airport since 12/12/03, any foodstuffs contained in the shipment must have been pre-cleared prior to commencement of the shipment.</b>  <b>Shippers must provide the authorities with advance notice of Human and Animal food shipments. This can be done by accessing the following website</b> <a href="http://www.fda.gov/oc/bioterrorism/bioact.html">http://www.fda.gov/oc/bioterrorism/bioact.html</a>   <b>Once all the details of a shipment are reported the FDA will provide a registration</b>	<b>Omitting to provide the authorities with the required information may result in delays, fines or even seizure of the shipment by the government.</b>

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		<b>No. which must be stated on all Bills of Lading as well as Air Way Bills.</b>	
Firearms and dangerous goods	Any firearms acquired overseas require approved U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (ATF) permit before importing to the U.S.	Same person can import firearms purchased by importer in the U.S. back to the U.S. provided firearms were registered with U.S. Customs before being exported from the United States.	Explosives and other dangerous goods are either prohibited or require special permits.
Pets	Proof of inoculation.	Birds and exotic pets subject to quarantine period.	
Pornographic material, unprocessed furs, skins		Importation prohibited.	Make prior telex arrangements with US agent for meeting plane on arrival, clearing, and kennel placement.
Narcotics, drugs, incitements		Importation prohibited.	