



CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

Documents Required

- Copy of Passport (data page and landing stamp) (2 copies)
- Work Permit or Residence Permit if not a Jamaican citizen
- Unconditional stamp if Jamaican and arriving on foreign passport
- Tax Compliance Certificate for import of auto/commercial goods
- Tax Registration Number
- Inventory / Packing list
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Unaccompanied Baggage Declaration Form (C.27) provided at the airport upon arrival in Jamaica or at Customs interview
- Letter of Employment
- Returning residents must also provide the following documents:
 - Customs Declaration Form (C.5) provided to the Customs Officer at the time of arrival
 - Letter notarized by a J.P. confirming place of residence if staying with a friend or relative or a copy of Rental / Lease Agreement, etc.
 - Documents proving customer has lived outside of Jamaica for more than three years
 - Document stating Customer's intention to re-establish permanent residence in Jamaica
 - Letter of separation from employer at origin (foreigners)
 - Tax returns for the last 3 years (foreigners)
 - Pay Stubs, W2, P45 (foreigners)
 - Invoices or bills from residence abroad (foreigners)
 - Copy of Retirement Papers/Pension Advice, P60 (foreigners)
 - Evidence of the Disposal of Property owned (foreigners)
 - Copy of Sale of Agreement / Purchase Agreement (foreigners)
 - Evidence of property acquired (returning citizens)
 - Copy of utility bill, such as electric bill, water bill, etc. (returning citizens)
- Tax receipt (returning citizens)
- Lease Agreement (returning citizens)
- Evidence of employment (returning citizens)
- Letter from Institution attended (returning students)
- Copy of 1-20 ID (returning students)
- Copy of Transcript (returning students)

Note: All documents should be originals or stamped by the J.P. as true copies.

Specific Information

- The shipper must be in Jamaica during Customs clearance.
- Returning residents may import one new appliance or electronic equipment / computer, used household goods and tools of trade duty-free.
- Duty charges are determined after the examination of goods by Customs at the stripping station and are based on the CIF value. They are generally between 5% to 40% plus taxes of approximately 23.8% compounded, depending on the item assessed.
- Electrical and electronics equipment may not be compatible with the Jamaica electrical system 220/110V 50 cycle.

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MOTOR VEHICLES

Documents Required

- Passport
- OBL
- Import license (which must be obtained prior to import)
- Driver's license (the shipper can drive in Jamaica for 1 year before a Jamaican license is required)
- Insurance Certificate
- Certificate of Title or registration documents
- Vehicles require an invoice detailing the model, accessories and CIF value
- Tax Compliance Certificate
- Import entry C78

Specific Information

- Used vehicles cannot be more than 5 years old and are taxable.
- A Customs broker must clear motor vehicles.

PETS

Documents Required

- Vaccination Record
- Veterinary Health Certificate
- Permit from the Veterinary Division of the Ministry of Agriculture (must be obtained prior to import)

Specific Information

- Quarantine may be required.
- Only dogs and cats born and bred in the United Kingdom can be imported.

RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- New items (dutable if less than 6 months old for non-returning residents and invoices must be provided)
- Firearms and ammunition (except where prior permission has been obtained from the Commissioner of Police and Trade Administrator) and drugs.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Drugs

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_1147.html

<http://www.embassyofjamaica.org/home.htm>