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CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

Documents Required

- Copy of Passport
- Detailed inventory
- Original Bill of Lading (BOL) / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Pro-forma Invoice (on letterhead of booking agent with the value of goods)
- Copy of Kazakh Visa (foreigners)
- Customs Declaration
- Brokerage Agreement (foreigners, shipments above 200 kgs and returning citizens)
- EC-POA on employer letterhead (foreigners)
- Notarized copy of ID (returning citizens)
- Foreign Affairs Participant Card (returning citizens)
- Notarized copy of updated Tax Registration Number Form (TRN) (returning citizens)
- Letter of Employment on employer letterhead (shipments above 200 kgs)

Specific Information

- Customs may inspect any non-diplomatic shipments upon arrival.
- Do not send insurance or any other documents showing the true value of household goods and personal effects with the shipment to avoid the payment of heavy import duties.
- All in-bound non-diplomatic shipments are subject to the payment of Customs duties and taxes calculated based on the cost, insurance and freight value of the shipment.
- Only shipments between Russia, Belorussia and Kazakhstan are duty free.
- All in-bound shipments are subject to issuance of a Declaration for each Harmonized System code (HS code); the cost of the Customs declaration(s) will be determined during the Customs clearance process.
- Customs clearance takes between 5-7 working days after permission from the National Security Committee is received.
- Shipments above 200 kgs are cleared under a cargo Customs Declaration.

MOTOR VEHICLES

Documents Required

- Copy of Technical Passport / Certificate of Title
- Pro-forma Invoice with vehicle details (chassis, engine number, production year, model, color and reasonable Customs value)
- OBL / AWB
- Original Customs Declaration
- Commitment Letter (for temporary importation up to 1 year)

Specific Information

- Right-hand vehicles cannot be imported.
- Vehicles are Customs cleared separately from the household goods and personal effects shipment.
- Diplomatic vehicles must be registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan.
- Vehicles are charged Customs duties, value added tax (VAT), fees, and some vehicles may be charged an excise tax.

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- Some vehicles may be imported on a temporary import basis subject to Customs fees of approximately 0.2% of the cost, insurance and freight value (CIF); check with agent for specific information.

PETS

Documents Required

- Certificate of Vaccination
- Veterinary Health Certificate
- Pet Passport
- Pro-forma Invoice with Customs value
- Copy of owner's Passport
- Copy of owner's Visa

Specific Information

- Cats, dogs and birds must be accompanied by a Veterinary Health Certificate.
- The Veterinary Health Certificate must be issued by the local Board of Health within 10 days of arrival.

RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Precious jewelry, stones, medicines, and currency can be imported only as accompanied baggage and must be declared with Customs authorities at the time of arrival.
- The following items may qualify for free import within the limits indicated:
 - Cigarettes (200), cigars (50), tobacco products (200 g)
 - Alcoholic beverages or wine (3 L)
 - Perfume (a reasonable quantity)
- Food products (compliance with veterinary and phytosanitary regulations is required)
- Live animals (a special permit is required)

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Detergent
- Stuffed animals
- Religious items
- New items
- Food items (dry, canned, spices, etc.)
- Beverages including spirits / alcohol drinks
- Medicines including medical kits
- New liquids (gel, shampoo, etc.)
- Weapons of any kind
- Pornography
- Narcotics / drugs
- Toxic and radioactive materials

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://www.kazconsulny.org/en/page.php?id=1a>

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1150.html