



LAOS



CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

Documents Required

- Copy of Passport
- Work Visa
- Letter of Employer
- Employer's investment license
- Business license (applies only to non-Diplomats)
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Diplomatic ID card (Diplomats)

Specific Information

- A foreigner may import used household goods and personal effects duty free if having diplomatic status or working for a registered for an non-governmental organization (NGO).
- If the document criteria are met, only one sea and one air shipment are permitted duty free, and the shipper can only import one each of any electrical appliance duty free.
- Foreigners employed with private companies in Laos will have to pay duty on personal effects.
- Foreigners not employed in Laos are prohibited from importing personal effects.
- Returning Lao nationals who have lived abroad will have to pay duty on personal effects.
- As sea shipments first enter Thailand before being transported in-bond to Laos, ensure that the OBL shows "In-transit to Vientiane, Laos via Bangkok, Thailand".

MOTOR VEHICLES

Documents Required

- Title / Registration
- OBL
- Letter of Employment

Specific Information

- Only foreign Diplomats may import a vehicle into Laos duty free.
- Vehicles are subject to duties assessed on the type, age and engine size of the vehicle.
- Contact the destination agent for specific information regarding the import of second-hand vehicles.

PETS

Documents Required

- Vaccination Record
- Veterinary Health Certificate

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Specific Information

- Most pets, including dogs, cats, and birds, can be brought into Laos with no quarantine period.
- The Health Certificate must be issued within 7 days of import.

RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- The following items are subject to restriction and required permission from the Ministry of Information and Culture for import:
 - Weapons and ammunition
 - Receivers and transmitters through satellites, internet, broadcasting equipment, etc.
 - Images of Buddha and God made from copper, glass, wood, bone, ivory, stone, and other materials
 - Weapons
 - Firearms and ammunition
 - Cigarettes (500), cigars (100), tobacco (500 g)
 - Wine (2 bottles) and other types of alcohol (1 bottle)

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Illegal drugs
- Explosives
- Chemicals and fertilizers
- Plant and plant products
- Pornographic materials
- Anti-communist publications

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_946.html

<http://www.laoembassy.com>