



RUSSIA



CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

Documents Required

- Copy of Passport
- Packing list
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Detailed inventory, including photos and values for all objects of art
- Customs Declaration Form for unaccompanied baggage stamped and signed by Customs at the time of shipper's arrival
- Letter of Employment on company letterhead to the Russian authorities (Diplomat letter must be on Embassy letterhead)
- Copy of Visa (accredited individuals)
- Copy of Accreditation Card (accredited individuals)
- Copy of Diplomatic Passport (Diplomats)
- Copy of Diplomatic Visa (Diplomats)
- Copy of Diplomatic Card (Diplomats)
- Customs Declaration Form is required for unaccompanied baggage, stamped and signed by Customs at the airport upon arrival of the shipper (non-accredited individuals).
- Work Permit (non-accredited individuals)
- Registration with the police department (non-accredited individuals)

Specific Information

- Customs duty is 4 EUR per kg (gross) for all non-diplomatic shipments. For returning Russian citizens, the first 31 kg is exempt from Customs duties and taxes.
- All in-bound non-diplomatic shipments are subject to the payment of Customs duties and taxes calculated based on the costs, insurance and freight (CIF) value of the shipment.
- All shipments are subject to issuance of a Customs Declaration for each Harmonized System code (HS code). The cost of the Customs Declaration will be determined during the Customs clearance process.

MOTOR VEHICLES

Documents Required

- Original Technical Passport
- OBL / AWB
- Original Customs Declaration
- Pro-forma Invoice
- Purchase document
- Employment confirmation letter (foreigners)

Specific Information

- The Customs Declaration is necessary to register the vehicle with the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

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PETS

Documents Required

- Certificate of Vaccination
- Veterinary Health Certificate
- Pet Passport

Specific Information

- Veterinary Health Certificate must be issued no more than 10 days within arrival of pet.
- Permission from the Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Agriculture is required for all animals except cats and dogs.

RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Wine and spirits (2 L)
- Arms and ammunition
- Precious jewelry, stones, medicines and currency can be imported only as accompanied baggage and must be declared with Customs authorities at the time of shipper's arrival.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Weapons of all kinds
- Pornography
- Narcotics
- Toxic and radioactive materials
- Flora and fauna objects
- Technical / receiving apparatus which operate with frequency higher than 9 KHz

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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<http://www.state.gov/p/eur/ci/rs>

<http://www.russianembassy.com/new-york>