

Import Customs information KOREA

Used household goods may be imported duty and tax free provided the shipper is Korean citizen or has a long term visa on his/her passport and provided the items are considered to be necessary and in an appropriate amount. New items are subject to duties. Holders of short-term visas will be charged duties on "most used" items such as appliances, golf and ski equipment, and high value items, but clothing and daily necessities may be imported duty free. Household goods cannot be cleared prior to the owner's arrival in Korea. Household goods should arrive at the Korean port six (6) months of the shipper's arrival.

For Foreigners with a Working Permit

A person accompanied by his/her family intending to reside in Korea for a period of at least one year is not subject to duties/taxes on used goods. For a person not accompanied by his/her family, the required minimum length of stay is two years.

**Original passport(s) for the entire family
Alien Residence Card(copy)
Employee Certification**

For returning Korean

A person accompanied by his/her family who has stayed abroad for a period of at least one year is not required to pay duties/taxes on used goods. For a person not accompanied by his/her family, the required minimum length of having stayed abroad is two years.

The shipper who has Korean Citizenship is required to be present during the customs inspection.

Original passport(s) for the entire family

Prohibited Goods

Firearms, ammunition, drugs, medicines without prescription, narcotics, meat, fish etc. are prohibited. Rifles can only be imported with a special permission granted by relevant Korean authorities. However, the procedure of customs clearance is rather complex and troublesome. We recommend to exclude those from a shipment of household goods in order to avoid foreseeable inconveniences.

liquors and wine

Liquors and wine are basically subject to customs duties and taxes. In regard to liquors and wine, please contact us in advance for more information

Quarantine for dogs, cats, birds etc.

Importation of dogs, cats, birds etc. requires quarantine procedures. The procedure is completed with the insurance of an Animal health Certificate showing that the animal had been kept in quarantine for the required period in

Korea. The period is usually ten days, however, an animal imported from a rabies-free area is kept for only one day in quarantine. Documents required for quarantine are the air way bill or a baggage ticket, and an animal health certificate issued by the government of the exporting country, certifying that rabies vaccination was performed less than thirty days prior to arrival of the animal of the animal in Korea.

Importation of automobiles

Automobiles, motorcycles, boats and aircraft are dutiable. All automobiles are subject to rather high duties and taxes(unless shipper has diplomatic/military status). The automobile must have been used by the shipper more than six(6) months before shipment to Korea. To prove ownership and age of the vehicle, the following documents are required;

Registration

Title

Insurance policy

Purchase receipt

If the automobile is Korean-made and has been used for more than six(6) months after the local registration, it will not be subject to import duties. But if the Korean brand automobile was manufactured outside Korea, it will subject to duties and taxes.

Each item exceeding USD 1,500 in value does not qualify for duty free importation, even if it is used. The following are examples for duties on some items:

Cars	30-40 % of invoice value
Electronic appliances	30-40 %
Cameras & Video cameras	20-60 %
Food (if in excess)	20 %
Pianos	35 %
Carpets	20 %
Crystal ware	20 %
High value furniture	35%
Golf sets	70 %
Ski sets	50 %

These rates are not including any special tax on luxury items, deferens tax etc

Please contact local agent to updated information. 1-2003