



Zollbestimmungen / Customs Regulations of CHINA



HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1. Foreigners and returning Chinese holding a green card / foreign residency must have a 12 months valid work permit and residence permit to be eligible to import personal effects. Hong Kong Residents need to provide their Hong Kong ID card, their 'Tong Xing Zheng', Work permit, and residence permit. Taiwan Residents need to provide their 'Tai Bao Zheng', work permit and residence permit. Returning Chinese (without Green Card or foreign residency) need to provide Chinese passport and the Visa of origin country, proving shipper's long-term stay abroad. Without the above mentioned documents, import permit cannot be obtained, and the shipment cannot be cleared. Demurrage / port storage charges will be applicable. Residence Permit (status: Family member) of the spouse of the working foreigner in Shanghai, can be used for import, if the residence permit of the spouse is valid 12 months or above.
2. Should a shipper have two shipments coming into China (Air freight & sea freight), import permit application for both shipments has to be arranged at the same time. The required documents are OBL/AWB (originals or Telex), the packing inventories and the original passport to apply for the import permits. For Shanghai, customs also requires the arrival notice for the sea shipment as an additional document required to apply for import permits. This clearly causes a problem with respect to air shipments that normally arrive well in advance of the sea shipment causing the sea shipment to be considered a second import and thus fully dutiable.
3. Each shipper is only allowed to import one air freight and one sea freight into China (provided the import permits are applied for at the same time). If shipper imports an additional shipment, all items in the shipment will be fully dutiable.
4. According to customs regulations, import permit has to be applied at the customs office at the place of issue of the residence permit. e.g. if residence permit is issued in Suzhou, China, while POE is Shanghai, and customs clearance is arranged in Shanghai, import permit application might still need to be arranged in Suzhou.
5. Each shipper is required to complete two copies of the 'China customs baggage declaration form for incoming passengers' upon entry into Shanghai, China. 'Yes' must be ticked under No. 16 ("I am bringing into China's customs territory, unaccompanied baggage"), and endorsement from customs counter (Red Channel) has to be obtained. The China Customs Baggage Form is not required by Beijing Customs.
6. Import of personal effects has to be arranged at least 6 months before expiry of the residence permit.
7. Wooden packing material and pallets must be fumigated and carry the IPPC mark.
8. Please provide a very detailed packing list, stating the exact content of every box, and the quantity of each item.

DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS

1. Diplomatic shipments are exempt from inspection, duties, and taxes. In Guangzhou, Quarantine bureau will inspect the shipment.
2. Due to the special status of diplomatic shipments import permit application must be arranged by the consulate / embassy in China.
3. Consignee on shipping documents must indicate the Consulates name besides shipper's name. Please contact us at rates@asiantigers-china.com for updated information.
4. Documents required for an embassy/consulate to obtain an import permit are:
 - v. i) Air Shipment: Original AWB; Packing List; Diplomatic Card or Passport
 - vi. ii) Sea Shipment: Original OBL; Packing List; Arrival Notice; Diplomatic Card or Passport

PETS

1. Only cats and dogs can be imported to China.
2. Each person can only import one pet (One pet per passport)
3. A health certificate needs to be obtained at origin, stating that the pet is in good health. The certificate must be endorsed by the designated authority of the origin country.
4. Requirements vary according to destination city in China, please contact rates@asiantigers-china.com for update requirements and details.



VEHICLES

1. Currently only diplomats can import cars relatively hassle-free. The import permit for the car will have to be obtained by the Consulate / Embassy.
2. A shipper who wishes to import his car must obtain the import permit from customs office prior to shipping the car. It is advisable to contact the environmental bureau at destination to check if import is allowed.
3. Motorcycles are allowed to be imported IF an import permit has been approved and issued. However, this must be done by the individual shipper.
4. For All vehicles, an import permit is extremely difficult to obtain, and this must be applied for by the individual shipper. This permit is not a license/registration to drive the vehicle on
5. the road, this must be obtained from the local Traffic Department and is not guaranteed even if the import permit is obtained. Both matters must be dealt with by the importer (the individual) directly with the local authorities, we are unable to assist.
6. Port storage / demurrage charges are high for import of the car, as different government offices conduct different inspections.
7. Duties and Taxes can be quite high for the importation of vehicles into China, and are based on the assessed value of the vehicle. This is entirely at Customs discretion.

RESTRICTED ITEMS

1. Photocopier cannot be imported in a shipment of personal effects. Portable photocopier or a combination of fax / printer / copier is OK to import.
2. Billiard table / Pool Table, Grand piano and Baby Grand pianos cannot be imported into Shanghai, China.
3. Grand Piano is allowed into Beijing with a minimum import duty assessed of USD 1,200.-
4. Food, tobacco and wine/ liquor can not be imported into Beijing, China.
5. Milk powder and manufactured meat cannot be included in an air shipment to China.
6. Maximum 1 computer allowed per air shipment for Shanghai.
7. Shanghai restricts the import of golf sets. One set per shipment is allowed. Second set of clubs is allowed but will be fully dutiable.
8. China customs restricts the import of VCD, DVD and Video tapes, In Shanghai, total 100pcs per shipment is allowed to import duty free. If more than 100pcs please check with us for more details. It might be imported with duty levied or cannot be imported. In Beijing, Total 200pcs is allowed.
9. Satellite TV dishes and receivers cannot be imported into China, and may be confiscated if found in a shipment.
10. Printed or recorded matter and other articles which are considered detrimental to the political, economic, cultural and moral interests of China, cannot be imported
11. Foodstuff, medicines and other articles coming from epidemic stricken areas cannot be imported.
12. Customs is very strict about the term "reasonable quantity" of household goods and personal effects. A family of 4 with 6 bicycles may find delays, inspections, higher duties, or even confiscation of items deemed to be an unreasonable quantity. This is especially true in Shanghai at the current time. If in doubt please ask before shipping.
13. Arms, Ammunitions, explosives are forbidden

DUTIABLE ITEMS

1. All furniture, light fixtures, electrical items, food items, alcohol, and some cosmetics are subject to import duty. The duty is based on the value assessed by China customs at the time of inspection.
2. Alcohol can be imported (except Beijing), but it should only be a small amount for personal use. Import duties are extremely high, and including alcohol may invite additional customs inspection. Please issue a separate alcohol list, stating type, volume, alcohol percentage, and etc.
3. For food items, please check with our office for the latest update. (Milk powder and meat products cannot be included into an air shipment.) A separate food items list, indicating type, quantity, value, will be helpful.
4. Final import duties are at customs discretion. If customs considers items of commercial value (5 x bicycles, 4 x TV sets), additional explanation letters might be required, and additional duties might be levied.

PRIORITY CLEARANCE (for air shipment with limited weight only):

- If shipper's documents in China are not available when shipment arrives, we can do priority clearance for air shipment with weight limitation:

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IN SHANGHAI (Air shipment must be within 350kgs gross)

1. Priority clearance with customers' F, L or Z- Visa (Business or Travel or Work Visa), following documents are required: Coloured copy of Passport's photo page, Coloured copy of Visa page, Coloured copy of latest entrance stamp to China, Original endorsed Baggage Declaration Form. If F or L visa, duties will be assessed as per normal rate for household goods import duty, if Z visa, All items in the shipment will be fully dutiable.
2. Priority clearance with customers' Residence Permit, following documents are required: Colored copy of Passport's photo page, Colored copy of Residence Permit page, Colored copy of latest entrance stamp to China, Original endorsed Baggage Declaration Form. All items in the shipment will be dutiable.

IN GUANGZHOU (Air shipment must be within 300kgs~350kgs ACW) documents required: Original passport with F, L or Z Visa, if shipper has already obtained residence permit, import permit is required.

IN BEIJING (Air shipment must be within 300kgs gross), documents required:

- Original passport with F, L or Z Visa, Master AWB, airlines used must be Air China, Korean Airlines, or Asiana Airlines. If shipper has already obtained residence permit, import permit is required. No Kitchenware and furniture in the shipment.

NOTE: For all priority shipments, in addition to the general restriction, DVD, CD, video tapes, computer console games, cassettes, etc must be below 100 pcs altogether and books must be below 50 pcs altogether.

NOTE:

- Customs regulations are subject to change at any time. The above information has been updated on 1 August 2007 and is a brief summary of customs regulations applicable to household goods shipments to this destination and is being provided for general guidance to assist out Partners overseas and Customers. Since such regulations are subject to change without notice, Asian Tigers cannot be held liable for any costs, damage, delays or other detrimental events resulting from non-compliance.
- PLEASE ALWAYS CONTACT US FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION FOR SHIPMENTS TO CHINA AS THE REGULATIONS DO CHANGE OFTEN AND WITHOUT NOTICE.

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