



Kazakhstan Country Guide

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Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

Copy of passport

Detailed inventory

Customs declaration

Original bill of lading (OBL) / air waybill (AWB)

Letter of employment on employer letterhead (shipments above 200 kgs)

Pro-forma invoice (on letterhead of booking agent with the value of goods)

Copy of Kazakh visa (non - citizens)

EC-POA on employer letterhead or notarized (non - citizens)

Brokerage agreement (non - citizens and returning citizens)

Notarized copy of ID (returning citizens)

Foreign Affairs participant card (returning citizens)

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 per shipment; 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.

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

Copy of technical passport / certificate of title

Pro-forma invoice with vehicle details

Original bill of lading / air waybill

Original Customs declaration

Commitment letter (for temporary importation up to 12 months)

POA on employer letterhead or notarized (non - citizens)

Notarized POA (returning citizens)

Specific Information

Vehicles must conform to EU 4 standards.

Right-hand vehicles cannot be imported.

Pro-forma invoice must include chassis, engine number, production year, model, color, and reasonable

Customs value.

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.

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

Pet passport

Copy of owner of the goods' passport

Copy of owner of the goods' visa

Certificate of vaccination

Veterinary health certificate

Pro-forma invoice with Customs value

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

The following items may qualify for free import within the limits indicated:

Perfume (a reasonable quantity)

Live animals (a special permit is required)

Prohibited Items

Detergent

Stuffed animals and birds

Religious information or items

New items

Food items (dry, canned, spices, etc.)

Beverages including spirits / alcohol drinks

Medicines including medical kits



All medical appliances (thermometer, pulsometer, inhaler, or any massagers)

New liquids (gel, shampoo, etc.)

Weapons of any kind

Ammunition

Pornography

Narcotics / drugs

Toxic and radioactive materials

Cash

Jewelry, precious stones, other high value items, sets, and collections

Fur

Flammables

Rare animals and birds species, skins, horns

Books published earlier than 1961

Tires

Satellite antenna

Plants

Soil

Any equipment containing Freon

Lenses

Consignment Instructions

Recommended: Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially

for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

Helpful Website(s):

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

<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country/kazakhstan.html>