



Malaysia Country Guide

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Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

Passport

Detailed inventory in English, dated and signed by the owner of the goods

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

Full contact information of the owner of the goods in Malaysia

Letter of employment / copy of work permit

Copy of Malaysian ID (returning citizens)

List of electrical items

Diplomatic exemption letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (obtained by the Embassy - diplomats)

Specific Information

The owner of the goods must be present in the country when the goods are being imported

All shipments are subject to Customs examination

ISPM 15 fumigation is required for all wooden packaging materials at origin country prior to import.

All used household goods and personal effects used and owned by the owner of the goods for more than 6

months may be imported into Malaysia duty free.

Items less than 6 months old are subject to Customs duties and taxes.

Some entry ports in Malaysia may require an electrical board permit for all electrical goods.

The list of electrical items must include the item name, model, make, serial number and year of purchase (not

required for port of entry at Port Kelang).



List of additional items include detailed information for books, VCDs, DVDs, CDs, etc.
included in shipment

The diplomatic letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs takes approximately 7-10 business days to obtain;

check with agent regarding requirements to be included in the letter.

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

Original passport (1 copy)

Original registration (1 copy)

Proof of ownership

Original insurance policy in country of origin proving use (1 copy)

Letter from owner of the goods requesting permission to import a motor vehicle

Specific Information

All motor vehicles imported attract high import duties and taxes.

All documentation is required a minimum of 7 days prior to arrival of the vessel or 2 days prior to arrival of the

flight to avoid incurring additional shipments (excludes diplomats).

The process can take between 7 - 14 working days for the Ministry to issue the exemption letter.

The owner of the goods must apply for 1 import permit per vehicle with the Ministry of International Trade and

Industry in Kuala Lumpur prior to import.

The owner of the goods can only import a motor vehicle if approved.

Import duties where the cost, insurance and freight (CIF) value is less than RM 20,000.00, is approximately

170% - 300% and subject to taxes of approximately 10% - 20%.



Pets

Documents Required

Certificate of vaccination

Veterinary health certificate

Import permit

Specific Information

To apply for an import permit the owner of the goods must provide rabies / vaccination given

2 weeks validity

with documentation and a microchip, along with the owner of the goods' passport and/or

Malaysian ID

(returning citizens), and their complete address.

This takes a day and is valid for 30 days.

West Malaysia and East Malaysia have completely different set of government regulations.

Please check with destination agent in Malaysia for more specific information.

All pets arriving after 10:00pm, will be charged for overtime cost at USD 80.00 flat rate

No food will be provided while in quarantine, please make sure sufficient food is supplied at the quarantine.

Attach food for the duration of quarantine; otherwise food will be given for a cost.

Space must be reserved for quarantine in advance of arrival.

The owner of the goods is allowed to visit the pet(s) at quarantine within office hours and on weekends upon

special request to be made in advance.

Every pet owner is allowed to import their own pets, as long as rabies / vaccination

documentation is up to

date.

The veterinary health certificate must be issued 7 days prior to departure and state that the



animal has been

free from rabies during the preceding 6 months.

Cats and dogs are subject to quarantine in West Malaysia, if they are imported from Singapore, Australia,

New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Japan or Sweden.

Cats and dogs are subject to quarantine between 30 and 180 days in East Malaysia.

The government State Veterinarian Department will consider house quarantine after 30 days, subject

to a formal application and approval during the first week of quarantine.

Detailed information regarding the transport of animals must be provided to the destination airport prior to

departure, including the type and number of pets.

Antiques, Artifacts, Carpets, Paintings

Documents Required

Import permit

Origin certificate

Photograph of Item

Valuation report

Specific Information

Contact the destination agent in Malaysia for further instruction.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

Liquor, wine and tobacco (a special import permit is required and is difficult to obtain); these items are subject

to high import duties and taxes.

To import alcohol or tobacco a list must be supplied mentioning type of alcohol, quantity in ml or liter, country



of origin, purchase value and percent of alcohol.

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

Cigarettes (200), tobacco (225 g)

Alcohol (1 L)

Books, VCD, DVD, CD, etc. (subject to censorship screening on arrival).

A screening fee will be charged directly to the owner of the goods.

Restricted pets include:

Bull mastiff

Bull terrier

Doberman

Rottweiler

Belgian / German shepherds

To import these pets requires a pedigree certificate and micro-chip.

The government veterinary officer will inspect owner's residence prior to approval for import permit.

Prohibited Items

Narcotics (the death penalty is given for drug trafficking)

Non-branded drugs

Firearms, gas pistols, electric shock batons, stun guns (and similar weapons), ammunition and explosives

(flares incorporating a barrel, etc.)

Indecent or obscene video cassettes, DVDs, films, books, magazines and other articles

Flick knives, butterfly knives and certain other offensive weapons, including some martial arts weapons

Counterfeit currency

Radio transmitters, walkie-talkies, citizen band radios, cordless telephones, etc. (an import



permit is required)

Meat and poultry; many other animal products; check with agent

Plants and plant produce including trees and shrubs, potatoes and certain other vegetables,
fruit, bulbs and

seeds

Animals and birds, whether alive or dead (egg, stuffed), parts and articles derived from
protected species,

including furs, skins, ivory, reptile leather and goods made from them

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://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_960.html

http://www.kln.gov.my/web/usa_washington/home