



## Singapore Country Guide

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### Household Goods and Personal Effects

#### Documents Required

Copy of passport (photograph and personal information pages)

Declaration of facts form

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

Copy of the owner of the goods' employment pass / green card (both sides)

Goods and services tax relief form (GST)

Supplementary Customs declaration form

Wine and liquor declaration form

Exemption permit (diplomats)

#### Specific Information

A duty exemption will be given to goods if all documentation as requested above is in order.

Goods should be in the owner of the goods' possession and used for more than 3 months.

Shipment must be imported into Singapore within 6 months of the owner of the goods' first arrival into

Singapore.

If shipment arrives more than 6 months after owner of the goods' employment pass (EP) into Singapore,

shipment is subject to 7% goods and services tax (GST) on the cost, insurance, and freight (CIF) value.

Returning Singaporean residents should be away for more than 6 months to get 7% GST relief.

Embassy, high commission, Consulate or accredited trade organization in and owner of the goods who have



been accorded diplomatic and consular privileges and immunities by the Singapore Government are eligible for duty exemption and GST relief on all goods that are for the personal or official use of the owner of the goods or organization; an exemption permit is required to cover the import of such goods but the organization and its authorized claimants have to be first registered with Customs. A failure to declare all items or pay taxes due may result in prosecution, fines, and/or imprisonment.

## **Motor Vehicles**

### **Documents Required**

Certificate of compliance  
Original commercial invoice  
Insurance papers  
Vehicle registration certificate  
Owner of the goods' passport  
Inward declaration permit  
Customs in-payment permit  
Customs duty payment receipt  
Temporary certificate of entitlement  
Manufacturer's letter confirming the date the automobile was manufactured

### **Specific Information**

Certificate of compliance from exhaust emission control standard is required for all new and used vehicles.

Autos and motorcycles are subject to very high duty and registration fees; importation highly discouraged.



Must be registered in owner of the goods' name for continued use and not for resale.

Left-hand drive vehicles are prohibited.

Vehicles more than three years old cannot be imported.

Boats are duty-free, but must be for the owner of the goods' use and not for resale.

Dismantled vehicles are not permitted.

## **Pets**

### **Documents Required**

Import license from the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA)

### **Specific Information**

If ownership of an animal cannot be verified from birth to 6 months for that animal, it will be quarantined.

*IAM Note: There are many requirements regarding the importation of pets into Singapore. It is strongly advised*

*that transferee contact agent as well as the AVA for specific information.*

### **Restricted/Dutiable Items**

Intoxicating liquors

Tobacco products

Motor vehicles

Petroleum products

### **Prohibited Items**

Liquors and cigarettes marked with the words "SINGAPORE DUTY NOT PAID" on the labels, cartons or

packets

E-cigarettes

Chewing gum, chewing tobacco, and imitation tobacco products

Weapons, gun, ammunition of any kind, cigarette lighters of pistol or revolver shape



Narcotics, controlled or non-branded drugs, and psychotropic substances

Endangered species of wildlife and their byproducts

Firecrackers or counterfeit currencies

Obscene articles, pornographic books, materials, publications on video tapes / discs and software

Reproduction of copyright publications, video tapes, video compact discs, laser discs, records or cassettes

Seditious and treasonable materials

Animals and birds and their by-products

Plants

Bullet-proof clothing

Weapons, Kris, spears and swords

Prerecorded cartridges and cassettes

Newspapers, magazines

Films, video tapes / discs, laser discs, CD-ROMS, and video games

Medicines, pharmaceuticals, and poisons

Telecommunications, radio communication equipment, and toy walkie-talkies

### **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.customs.gov.sg/leftNav/info/imp/Import+Requirements.htm>

<http://www.state.gov/p/eap/ci/sn>

<http://www.mfa.gov.sg/content/mfa/overseasmission/washington.html>