



Importing Personal Property Into *Bangladesh*

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS/ PERSONAL EFFECTS AND MOTOR VEHICLES

DUTY-FREE ENTRY IS PERMITTED IF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:

- The shipper has diplomatic status or is a "Privileged Person". A "Privileged Person" is an employee of a UN agency, an NGO or a foreign company that has a contract which specifically states that employees are privileged.
- Other foreigners and returning Bangladeshis, are allowed importation of household goods, but will be subject to duty, tax and V.A.T.

Important Notes:

- The shipper must be present in Bangladesh during the time of customs clearance.
- The household goods shipment must arrive within 6 months of the shipper's arrival.
- It is important not to mix household goods/ personal effects with commercial goods in your shipment. Office furniture, stationary and office machines are considered commercial goods.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Original passport for shipper and all family members.
- ✓ Itemized valued inventory, listing all electrical items separately, listing brand, model and serial number.
- ✓ Form A, obtained from Customs at airport during arrival.
- ✓ Transfer of Residence Form

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Drugs and narcotics
- Pornographic or subversive literature
- Ammunition and firearms
- Gold bullion
- Construction material in commercial quantity.
- Gambling instruments

RESTRICTED ITEMS:

- Alcohol, tobacco and food.
- Hunting guns are restricted, but may be imported if proper and prior declaration is obtained (see below).
- Antiques, sterling silver and gold should be declared to facilitate re-export.

IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

- Vehicles must be less than 6 years old and right-hand drive.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

In addition to the documents required for a household goods shipment:

- ✓ Invoice
- ✓ Registration
- ✓ Ownership Certificate

IMPORTING PETS AND HUNTING GUNS

IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS:

- Prior permission from the Director of Live Stock from the Government of Bangladesh is required.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Letter of “no objection” from the Bangladesh government.
- ✓ Veterinary Certificate of Health dated no more than 7 days prior to importation.
- ✓ Rabies vaccination certificate

IMPORTATION OF HUNTING GUNS

- Importation is permitted if the proper and prior declaration is conducted by the shipper.
- Customs clearance is subject to issuance of a gun license from the Bangladesh Government.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Gun License issued by the Bangladesh Government.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

- North American International, Country Reports, “Bangladesh,” <http://38.228.219.131/cfs/BD.HTM>, January 2000.
- JVK International Movers, “Bangladesh Customs Regulations,” http://www.jvkmovers.com/bangladesh_customs.htm, August 1999.
- Homebound Packers and Shippers, 1996.

The information presented herein is based on customs data available at the time of printing and is frequently subject to change without notice. It is the responsibility of the owner or importer of the household goods to comply with the current customs restrictions, regulations, and duties of the country to which the goods are imported. We strongly advise customers to contact the consulate or embassy of the destination country for the most current information on customs regulations, restrictions and duties for importing household goods, personal effects and vehicles.