



# Importing Personal Property Into *Iceland*

## IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- Nonresidents are allowed to import duty-free clothing, ordinary travel equipment, food (maximum of 10 kg/ value of ISK 4.000) and personal articles, if the items are appropriate and intended for his/her own use and are not for sale. The items must be re-exported upon the shipper's departure from Iceland.
- Residents are allowed to import duty-free up to ISK 36.000 (about US \$550) worth of goods, as long as no individual item exceeds ISK 18.000 (US \$275) in value.

### **Note:**

- The shipper must be present at the time of Customs clearance in Iceland.

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Original Ocean Bill of Lading or Air Waybill
- ✓ Valid Passport
- ✓ Work Permit
- ✓ Inventory in English

### **RESTRICTED/DUTIBALE ITEMS:**

- Alcoholic beverages may be imported by shippers who are at least 20 years old. The quantity must not exceed:
  - 1 liter of liquor and 1 liter of wine or
  - 1 liter of liquor and 6 liters of beer or
  - 1 liter of wine and 6 liters of beer or
  - 2 liters of wine.Liquor is defined as any alcohol between 22 and 50% by volume and wine is any alcohol under 22%, except beer. Beer must be above 2.25%.

### **RESTRICTED/DUTIBALE ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

- Tobacco is restricted to 250 grams or 200 cigarettes per person over the age of 15 years old.
- Electronic equipment is restricted to one of each type.
- Musical instruments.
- Books, video, audio cassettes and movies are subject to censorship.
- Flowers and plants may require a certificate of soundness from the Icelandic Agricultural Research Institute.
- Certain telephones and communications equipment may require special permission from the Icelandic Post and Telecommunications Administration. Such equipment includes cordless telephones, radio transmitters and remote controls for toys.

### **PROHIBITED ITEMS:**

- Firearms, weapons and ammunition
- Fishing gear, including waders and rubber boots, which have been used abroad unless such equipment has been disinfected according to valid rules (immersion for 10 minutes in a 2% formaldehyde solution). A certificate of disinfection issued by an authorized veterinary officer will be acceptable.
- Live animals and birds
- Uncooked meat and meat products
- Eggs and other poultry products
- Butter and uncooked milk
- Medicines, except small quantities for personal use
- Narcotics
- Poisons

## IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES AND PETS; EXPORTING NATURAL OBJECTS AND ANTIQUES

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### IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

- Motor vehicles may be imported, but must be re-exported by the owner at the end of his/her stay in Iceland.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Vehicle's registration book
- ✓ International motor insurance
- ✓ Owner's green card
- ✓ Driving license valid in Iceland

### IMPORTATION OF PETS:

- A permit issued by the Ministry of Agriculture must be obtained prior to importing a pet into Iceland. The Ministry of Agriculture's address is as follows: Reykjavik, Raudararstig 25, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, 150 Reykjavik, Iceland, fax: 354-552-1160.
- Upon obtaining an import permit, the shipper must make the necessary arrangements with the quarantine station in Hrisey (the only quarantine facility in Iceland). The telephone number for Hrisey is 354-466-1781.
- Quarantine is 6 weeks for pets originating in the UK, Norway and Sweden, and 8 weeks for pets originating in other countries.
- If during quarantine the pet falls ill with a disease unknown in Iceland, the pet will be destroyed at the owner's expense.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF PETS:

- ✓ Import permit
- ✓ Vaccination certificate for feline panleucopenia, showing the vaccine was administered 2 – 3 months prior to the pet's arrival in Iceland.
- ✓ Health Certificate from a veterinarian issued within 48 hours prior to the pet's departure.

### EXPORTATION OF NATURAL OBJECTS AND ANTIQUES:

- It is prohibited to export birds, bird eggs, eggshells and nests from Iceland.
- There are 31 species of plants, which are protected and thus are prohibited exportation from Iceland.
- It is prohibited to export items of historical or archaeological interest from Iceland without special permission from the appropriate authorities.
- Antiques defined as items 100 year old and older, are prohibited export, except in cases in which special permission is granted by the appropriate authorities.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

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