



## Importing Personal Property into

# IRAN

### IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- Ordinarily importation of household goods and personal effects are prohibited, although exceptions are made for foreign diplomatic missions, foreigners with work visas and returning Iranian citizens.
- The household goods and personal effects must be used and in reasonable quantities for duty-free admission.

#### **Notes:**

- All shipments are inspected by Customs officials.
- Clearance takes 1 to 2 days in Tehran and 5 to 7 days in Bandar Abbas.
- A Power of Attorney must be issued to the agent if the shipper will not be present at customs clearance. The document must be signed by the shipper and verified by an Iranian Notary Public.
- Surface shipments must arrive within 6 months of the owner's arrival.
- Air shipments must arrive within 3 months of the owner's arrival.
- Imports and exports are divided by Customs into four different categories:
  - Permissible goods – no permits required.
  - Conditional goods – permits must be obtained.
  - Banned goods – prohibited items.
  - Goods which must be declared to Customs to obtain a permit for clearance.

#### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

##### **Foreign Citizens with Work Permit:**

- ✓ Valid Passport
- ✓ Residence Permit
- ✓ Work Permit
- ✓ Inventory/ Packing List
- ✓ Letter from employer
- ✓ Notarized Power of Attorney, if shipper is not present at customs clearance.

##### **Returning Iranian Citizens:**

- ✓ Proof of residence abroad for at least 6 months prior to returning to Iran.
- ✓ Valid passport - the residence in the passport should be changed to Iran.
- ✓ Packing List – goods must originate from place of residency.
- ✓ Notarized Power of attorney if not present at customs clearance.
- ✓ Shipper must be in Iran before the shipment's arrival.

#### **DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS:**

- Diplomats are extended duty-free importation of their household goods and personal effects.
- Customs clearances are performed in two stages. Regardless of point of entry or final destination, all goods must be transferred to Tehran South customs for final clearance.

#### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Certificate of exemption from Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran
- ✓ Translated & certified packing list

## **RESTRICTED/ PROHIBITED ITEMS; IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES**

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

- New items are subject to customs duties and taxes. Re-exportation may be required.
- All films, cassettes, CDs, DVDs, videos, books, movies and magazines will be inspected by the Ministry of Islamic Culture & Guidance. It is recommended that boxes containing these items be loaded near the container door for easy access.

### **PROHIBITED ITEMS:**

- Alcoholic Beverages
- Pork
- Narcotics
- Drugs
- Firearms, explosives and ammunition
- Short-wave radios
- Playing cards and gambling devices
- All horticultural and agricultural goods including seeds and soil
- Aerial photo cameras
- Transmitter receiver equipment including walkie-talkies
- Pornography in any form (DVD, magazines, videocassettes, films, etc.) including fashion magazines
- Antiques
- Manuscripts

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:**

- Unipack, 2003.
- Customs of Islamic Republic of Iran, <http://www.irica.org>, 2003.
- Household Goods Forwarder of America, INC., "Commercial Shipper's Guide" 1998.

**The information presented herein his 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 advice 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.**

### **IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:**

- Importation of cars is prohibited by individuals without prior authorization from the Ministry of Commerce. The permit process is lengthy and must be handled directly by the shipper.
- Diplomats may import vehicles duty-free, provided they have the appropriate documentation.

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR DIPLOMATS IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES:**

- ✓ Exemption documents from Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ✓ Certificate of Registration