



Importing Personal Property Into Turkey

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- Goods are used
- Goods are for shipper's personal use
- Owner has a valid work visa for employment.
- Goods will not be sold, assigned or given to a third party.
- Turkish citizens must have lived abroad for more than 2 years for duty-free import of goods obtained outside of Turkey.

Notes:

- Turkish citizens must be present for customs clearance.
- Household goods must arrive in Turkey within 2 months prior to or 6 months after the arrival of the owner.
- Used appliances should not be packed in their original cartons or boxes, as they will be considered new.
- Turkish citizens will pay PTT tax on video recorders, stereos, televisions and radios.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Passport with valid entry stamp
- ✓ Residency visa
- ✓ Work permit
- ✓ Application letter
- ✓ Detailed inventory showing brand name and serial numbers of all electrical appliances.
- ✓ Letter of Guarantee issued by the shipper's Turkish employer.
- ✓ Letter authorizing the destination agent to clear the shipment through customs.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Weapons and ammunition
- Narcotics and drugs
- Explosives
- Pornography

DUTIABLE/ RESTRICTED ITEMS:

- All consumable goods such as foodstuffs, toilet paper, etc. are subject to high taxes and duties.
- To import plants, fresh fruits and vegetables a phytosanitary certificate is required. These items must also be listed on the inventory.
- Prescription medications, in reasonable amounts, must have prior authorization from the Turkish Ministry of Health and Agriculture.
- Alcoholic beverages and tobacco
- Perfume
- Electrical goods should be compatible with the number of family members in the household. Duplicate electrical items are dutiable.
- Fax machines and telecommunications equipment are restricted.

IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES, PETS AND FIREARMS

IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

- All automobiles are subject to import and customs duties. Foreigners may be able to avoid paying taxes and import duty if a **Letter of Guarantee** is provided.
- The shipper must be present for the customs clearance of vehicles.
- An automobile must arrive within 3 months prior to or 3 months after the shipper's arrival.
- There are restrictions on importing vehicles older than 3 years old.
- Turkish citizens importing a motor vehicle must obtain a **Labor Permit**.
- When shipping household goods and a vehicle in the same container, the household goods will not be released until the vehicle has cleared customs.
- No minibuses, regardless of make and origin, may be imported into Turkey, even on a temporary basis.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Ocean bill of lading or air waybill
- ✓ Shipper's Passport
- ✓ Resident Permit
- ✓ Purchase Invoice
- ✓ Letter of Guarantee from the Shipper
- ✓ "Carnet de Passage"
- ✓ Registration
- ✓ Black book (motor and chassis number)
- ✓ Original title
- ✓ Proof of Insurance
- ✓ Bank letter of guarantee raised to an amount calculated by the Turkish Automobile Association ("Turing") according to the engine size, age, and curbside weight. Guarantee value will not exceed value of the car.

IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS:

- A rabies certificate is required for the importation of pets into Turkey.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Certificates of inoculation against rabies within the last six months and freedom from communicable disease within 48 hours of departure for Turkey. The certificates must be notarized in the origin country and translated into Turkish at a Turkish embassy or consulate.

IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS:

- An import permit must be obtained in advance for all firearms.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Import Permit

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