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CONSIGNMENT INFORMATION:

All shipment must be marked on the OBL or AWB as 'Used personal effects'. Do not declare as household goods or household effects. Original OBL is needed if OBL is not surrendered (express released). Failure to follow the above procedures can cause serious Customs Clearance delays and result in higher import fees to the owners/shipper.

Removal goods

Shipper must provide:

- Passport
- Non-Immigrant or Residence Visa valid for one year.
- Work Permit valid for one year, if available.

Origin agent must provide:

- Two legible copies of packing inventory.
- Original copy of OBL or airway bill.
- Shipments must be marked on the OBL and airway bills as "Used Personal Effects" only.

All shipments (except diplomatic) must be consigned to the Shipper's full name (exactly as shown in passport)

Original passport and original work permit must be presented to Customs during inspection. Bond facility is not available pending issuance of work permit. Without the one-year work permit, shipment will be dutiable, only original passport is required during customs clearance.

- Duty free entry for used personal effects and household goods but only 1 (one) shipment by air AND 1 (one) shipment by sea only.
- Household effects under 6 months in age are subject to duties.
- Although the shipper may import more than one shipment, he remains subject to full import duties on the second shipment. We recommend consolidation of shipments prior to their arrival in Thailand.
- Personal and household effects must be imported not earlier than one month prior to arrival and not later than six months after the arrival of the importer, but the Director General of Customs is empowered to extend the said period in such exceptional circumstances, as he deems necessary.
- Shipment has to be consigned to full name of shipper c/o Removal Company's address.
- Shipper does not have to be present at customs BUT his actual passport has to be presented to customs.

Duty free entry available to:

- Returning Thai resident who has lived abroad for more than 12 months.

Too frequent traveling back and forth can cause problems should Customs deem the owner to have not been permanently based in origin country. Each stay in Thailand must not be more than 3 months each time. Shipper has never imported goods into Thailand. Original passport (old passport might be needed), copy of a house certificate and copy of Thai ID card must be presented during the customs inspection.

- Persons processing a one-year non-immigrant visa with a valid work permit at the time shipment are imported.

All other categories are subject to high taxes. A VAT of 7% applies to all invoices issued in Thailand.

Customs clearance takes three to five working days.



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Furthermore, the following restrictions must always be met for a 1 year work permit or a returning Thai – otherwise the shipment will be classified as non-exempt:

- 1.1 Shipment must originate from same country as owner’s last place of residence or place of work.
- 1.2 Shipment must arrive in Thailand not earlier than 1 month prior to owner’s arrival/return to Thailand.
- 1.3 Shipment must arrive in Thailand not later than 6 months after owner’s arrival/return to Thailand.
- 1.4 Thai customs allow only one sea and one small air shipment.
- 1.5 Must contain used items (not new).
- 1.6 Only one of each type of electrical appliance is allowed, duplicate appliances will be charged full duties.

Diplomats’ removals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A set of packing lists. • Bill of Lading or Air Way Bill to be received by agent two weeks prior to arrival of goods 	<p>Diplomatic shipments are allowed duty-free into the Kingdom.</p> <p>For Diplomatic shipments must be consigned to their Embassy or their mission/organization with full name and full address</p> <p>Attn: Shipper’s full name (exactly as shown in passport)</p>	<p>shipments takes approximately 10 days by the respective embassy.</p>
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NON EXEMPT FROM DUTY:

High duties are placed on all goods not conforming to the section above. Particularly high duties apply to electrical goods, plasma/LCD TV, carpets and luxury goods.
 Note: Toys, baby items, foodstuff, alcohol, office items including files, bicycle, exercise equipment, sport equipment, golf set, luxury items including crystal glasses and Porcelain vases, and fax machines ARE DUTIABLE and will not consider for duty exemption. Especially sending via airfreight.
 Customs at the airport is very strict. They are not expecting shipper to send a large used HHG via air and intend to go through the goods more thoroughly during the inspection. We recommend sending most of the electrical goods, baby toys, and golf club via sea shipment if possible.
 Note: Prohibited articles include firearms, ammunition, pornographic literature, short-wave radios, and medical equipment, some Buddha head, gold and silver.
 Note: Wine and spirits, foodstuff, Buddha statue require special import licensing and should not be included in the shipment without prior consultation.
 Note: For all inbound shipments (except diplomatic) agent must have client’s actual passport for clearance. With all documentation in order, clearance typically takes 3-5 working days.



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Wedding trousseaux		Wedding gifts will be subject to duties per the appropriate tariffs.	
Inheritance		Will be subject to duties unless Thai citizen can satisfy Government residence requirement.	
New furniture and household goods		Subject to duties, i.e. tax on wooden furniture 28.40% of CIF value.	
Works of art	No document required, if part of household effects.		
Antiques	No document required if part of the household effects. It is advised to specify antiques on import documentation to prove their importation, in order to facilitate their exportation later.	Must have a picture of the items. Must appear on packing list. Some Asian antiques, especially religious artefacts require Fine Arts Dept. approval for export, whether imported by shipper or not.	
Precious metal objects (jewellery coins)	No document required if part of the household effects.		
Household appliances (imported separately)		Subject to payment of duties	Only one unit of each and being a used items.



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		Subject to payment of duties.	Applies also to second appliances, as well as new ones.
Electrical appliances	Same as household appliances.		
Carpets	No document required, if part of the household effects.		
Sport articles	Same as above.		
Presents, souvenirs	Same as above.		
Motor vehicles (automobiles and motorcycles)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automobile registration of the foreign country. • Driver's license of the country from which the car was exported. • Original B/L. • Import permit (must be available before car is shipped to Thailand). <p>Documents issued by the immigration division, Police Department granting permission for applicant to enter and establish residence in Thailand.</p>	<p>Automobiles and motorcycles are dutiable items (whether new or old).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autos up to 2400 cc duty are 228% of CIF value. • Autos over 2400 cc duty are 265% of CIF value. • Motorcycles pay duty at 95% of CIF value. • Free duty exemptions are provided to diplomatic organizations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automobile cannot be imported unless the applicant applies for the permission and receives the permission from the Ministry of Commerce before shipping the automobile into the Kingdom. • This permission is very difficult to obtain for owners with a foreign passport. • Automobile registration must show that the applicant has had legal possession or ownership for more that one year, from the ownership date till the date he left that country. • Driver's license of the country in which the automobile was used showing that the license



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Household appliances. (Imported separately)	In the event that the applicant enters in Thailand to work for the Government or other institutions, a letter of certification from the Government Office or institution must be presented.		was together with the automobile for more that one year.
Other vehicles (bicycles, water vehicles)	See automobiles / motorcycles for water vehicle.	Bicycles: subject to duty at 49.80% of CIF value. Water vehicles: are subject to duty.	
Machines, appliances, spare parts	Invoice.	Subject to duty per the appropriate tariffs.	
Wine	Import permit.	Subject to duty of 315%.	
Alcohol	Same as wine but import license needed. (Take a long time to obtain it).	Subject to duty of 315%.	
Tins	Same as wine.	Subject to duty of 72%.	
Food	Import permit required.	Subject to duty of 72%.	Prohibited: Several plants, fruits, part and product of plants from many countries. Enquire in advance with Consulate or other authority.
Plants	Health certificate.		



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Arms and ammunition		Import prohibited.	Not to be included in household shipments.
Dangerous goods	Must be clearly declared.	Import generally permitted.	Seek your agent's advice before shipping.
Medicine	No document required if part of the household effects.		
Narcotics, drugs	Same as medicine if being used for medical purposes.		
Cats, dogs, other animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of vaccination (rabies). Must not be older than 10 days at the date of arrival. • Health certificate from veterinarian at origin. Must not be older than 30 days at the date of arrival. • Copy of AWB. 	No quarantine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to duty by Thai Government. Origin agent should fax their agent 10-15 days in advance the approx. date of shipping pet. • This fax or telex should arrive during office hours. • The animal should arrive during daytime. If arrival is after 4 p.m., special Customs clearance can be arranged, provided flight details are known 48 hours in advance. • It is recommended to send as excess baggage, when there might be no Customs clearance and no duty.
Pornographic literature, Short-wave radios		Prohibited from importation.	



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General remark			All toys, sports equipment, office equipment & documents, luxury goods such as chinaware, are subject to duty.