

# BANGLADESH

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## Diplomatic shipments

### Documents Required

- Exemption certificate issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People Republic of Bangladesh.
- For issuance of exemption certificate Ministry needs:
  - AWB/ original B/L,
  - list of items with value (Invoice),
  - Inventory list,
  - vessel name with B/L number and date,
  - Flight details with AWB number and date.

### Customs Prescriptions

- Duty free import is permitted.

### Remarks

- Applicable to
  - The Diplomatic Mission, Non-Diplomatic Member of the Diplomatic Mission.
  - High Commission, High Commissioners.
  - Resident Representative of the Privileged Organization, who enjoy diplomatic status.
  - Household goods should not arrive prior to the owner's arrival.

## Privileged shipments

### Documents Required

- Original Passport
- Original B/L, AWB.
- List of contents with itemized value (invoice).
- Inventory.
- Privileged Person Customs Pass Book.

### Customs Prescriptions

- Duty free import is permitted against customs passbook.
- The National Board of Revenue & Bond Commissioner issues the passbook to the privileged persons after arrival in Bangladesh.
- The consignee should import all goods including one motor vehicle within 6 (six) months from the date of first arrival in Bangladesh.

### Remarks

- Applicable to the expatriate/employees of all UN Agencies and foreign aided projects, development partners of Bangladesh.
- Consignee should complete import of personal and household goods within 6 (six) months

from the date of his/ her first arrival in Bangladesh.

- The household goods should not arrive prior to the owner's arrival.

## Non-Privileged shipments

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### Documents Required

- Original AWB, B/L.
- Original Passport of consignee.
- List of items (Invoice).
- Baggage declaration Form "A".
- "Transfer of residence form" to be endorsed by the customs authorities. Such forms will allow non-privileged Bangladeshi nationals to get maximum tax benefit.

### Customs Prescriptions

- Customs duty and taxes imposed on all items.
- Transfer of residence benefits/Tax benefits only applicable for the reasonable quantity of old and used household goods. (Those who are in abroad minimum 2 years).
- Non-privileged foreigners are not entitled to get Transfer of Residence Benefits.
- Bangladeshi (those who are holding dual citizen ship) are entitled to get Transfer of Residence Benefits.

### Remarks

- Allowed to import any type of household goods subject to payment of customs duties and taxes.
- One shipment in one calendar year, either Air or by Sea.
- In order to get maximum tax benefit, Bangladeshi nationals need to obtain a transfer of residence certificate from the Bangladesh High Commission in abroad.
- Baggage declaration form "A" available at Dhaka customs airfreight unit. Client have to obtain the same after arrival at Dhaka airport and hold the copy duly signed and sealed by the customs officials.
- For foreign nationals a work permit from the Board of Investment & other relevant ministry.

## Automobiles

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### Documents Required

- Same documents required as for personal effects, except that in place of list of contents an invoice is needed.
- In the case of a used automobile, a previous registration or ownership certificate/a certificate of deregistration required to attach with all shipping documents in order to determine the age of the vehicle.

### Customs Prescriptions

- Customs duty and taxes including advance trade VAT will be charged on the assessable value of the vehicle.
- Customs duty and taxes exempted if the vehicle is imported by the privileged person or the diplomatic person.
- Non-privileged person (foreigner) is allowed to import vehicle subject to prior NOC from commerce ministry & the import permission from the Chief Controller of Import and Export on payment of applicable customs duty and taxes.

### Remarks

- Vehicles more than 5 (five) years old are not permissible to import in Bangladesh as per Import Policy Order 2021-2024.
- Motorbike /Motorcycle more than 3 (three) years old are not permissible to import in Bangladesh as per Import Policy Order 2021-2024.
- ATA Carnet is not allowed in Bangladesh.
- Vehicle will be allowed to import under transfer of residence benefits.

## Domestic pets

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### Documents Required

- Veterinary/ Health certificate.
- Rabies vaccination certificate.
- Prior permission from the Director of livestock, Government of Bangladesh.
- Photograph of pet.
- Microchips.
- Flight itinerary of pet's owner.
- Original passport of pet's owner.

### Customs Prescriptions

- Importation of domestic pets like dogs and cats are permitted.
- Duty applicable or not applicable depend on the consignee status.

### Remarks

- Health certificate and rabies vaccination certificate from its origin required to obtain "No objection Certificate" from the Department of Livestock in Bangladesh prior to the arrival of pets.
- LAR (Live Animal Regulations) has to be maintained.

## Drugs, narcotics, gold bullion, obscene and subversive literature CD's, DVS's, Firearms & ammunitions. Black stone sculptors.

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### Customs Prescriptions

- Prohibited.

## Useful information

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### Remarks

- AWB, B/L must show owner's full name (As per passport) in the consignee's & Notify's column. This is required by customs as proof of ownership.
- If AWB, B/L does not show owner's name as consignee, there will be delays in clearance.
- The owner must arrive in Bangladesh before customs clearance.
- The shipment must be booked within shortest possible time after arrival of the consignee in Bangladesh.
- Baggage declaration must have to be endorsed by the customs officials within Thirty days from the date of arrival of the consignee in Bangladesh (copy of AWB/BL & Packing List must be available with passengers). If not, then a subsequent baggage declaration must have to be endorsed from the customs once AWB/BL & packing list is available. (Customs may impose fine for subsequent baggage declaration).