

THAILAND

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Used Household Goods/PE (sea and air) for Foreign and Thai Nationals

Documents Required

- Shipper's copy of passport.
- Signed Packing list.

Customs Prescriptions

- Visa page not required; export can be done with any type of visa irrelevant of the assignee's employment status in Thailand.
- Timeline for export customs clearance is 1-3 working days.

Remarks

- Fine arts export permit is mandatory for the export of any types of statues or decorations representing Buddhism (and Hinduism).
- Only full-body images are allowed to be exported.
- Partial images of Buddha (head, hands, feet) are allowed to be exported.
- All genuine antiques require backup documents with proof of origin and ownership.
- The genuine antique pieces may be regarded as a part of Thai national heritage and will not be allowed to export.
- Air shipments will be subject to security and clearing procedure. Shipments are being Xrayed and failure to do so will cause potential delays and additional charges.
- It is the responsibility of the sender to remove all batteries from their air shipment.
- Dry cell batteries and all Laptop Batteries need to be removed from any electronic items for both sea and air shipments; we highly recommend that your laptop is carried with you in your hand luggage.
- A VAT of 7% applied to all invoices issued in Thailand.

Diplomatic shipment (sea and air)

Documents Required

- Same as above

Remarks

- It is recommended for Diplomats to apply for a diplomatic export permit so that their shipment is protected by Diplomatic Privilege when passing through Customs.

Vehicles

Documents Required

- De-registration document from the Department of Land Transport

- Passport copy

Prohibited Items

Customs Prescriptions

- All material which are illegal to possess in Thailand, such as:
- Guns and explosives
- Narcotic and prescription medicine
- Pornographic or indecent materials
- Any object made from or that contains materials from endangered species as defined via the CITES convention (ivory etc)
- Lithium batteries (Electric scooters etc)
- Live animals and plants
- Compressed gasses
- Air shipment:
- Any liquid, gel or powder (this includes many items such as medicine, makeup, pens, markers, crayons, playdoh, ...etc.).
- Any battery including core batteries (this means IMACs, PlayStation or such appliances will not be accepted.)
- Any magnet or item emitting magnetic force
- Any items which contain magnet such as speaker and amplifier
- Compressed gases, solvents,
- Flammable, pressurized or explosive materials
- Plants or other living items
- Any item or material listed as "Dangerous Goods" by IATA.

Remarks

- Dry food items and alcohol restricted, depending on a provision allowed at the destination country.
- Air shipments: Contravention of these restrictions can lead to delays and extra fees / fines being imposed by CAAT. Air export shipments are x-rayed by CAAT security department in order to ensure compliance with these requirements.