

Georgia

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Documents

Documents required for importing used household goods, personal effects, and related shipments.

Required Documents

- Copy of passport
- Customs declaration
- Detailed packing list / inventory
- Bill of lading (OBL) / air waybill (AWB)
- Proof of permanent residence in Georgia (document issued by the Ministry of Justice confirming entry for permanent residence)
- For diplomats returning from assignment: rotation documentation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Specific Information

Georgian citizens returning after 6+ months abroad: Georgian citizens who have been abroad for more than 6 months may import goods valued up to GEL 15,000 duty-free (excluding vehicles, excisable goods, and food products).

Diplomats returning from rotation: Diplomats returning from assignment at Georgian diplomatic representations abroad may additionally import one refrigerator, one computer, and one TV per family duty-free.

General import duty structure: Georgia's tariff rates fall into three bands: 0%, 5%, and 12%. Nearly 90% of goods benefit from a zero rate of duty. This is one of the lowest tariff regimes in the region.

Customs declaration fee: A fee of approximately EUR 5 is charged per customs declaration for goods valued below GEL 3,000, and approximately EUR 60 for goods valued above GEL 3,000.

Currency: Georgian lari (GEL).

Language: Georgian is the official language. English is increasingly used in government services, particularly customs and tax administration.

ISPM 15: Wood packaging materials should comply with ISPM 15 standards.

Duties & Taxes

Duty-free conditions for permanent residents: Per the Georgian Revenue Service, goods not intended for economic activities (including furniture and household items) may be imported duty-free when entering Georgia for permanent residence, confirmed by a relevant document issued by the Ministry of Justice. This is one of the more straightforward duty-free regimes globally.

VAT: 18% VAT applies to most imported goods. This is calculated on the CIF value plus any applicable duty.

Prohibited & Restricted Items

Prohibited Items

- Narcotics and illegal drugs
- Counterfeit and pirated goods
- Unprocessed waste
- Weapons and ammunition without appropriate permits (PERMIT REQUIRED)
- CITES-protected species without permits (CITES)
- Pesticides without phytosanitary certificates
- Dual-use technology without export control certificates
- Pornographic materials
- Objects of national importance without authorization

Restricted / Dutiable Items

Traveller allowances (per 30 calendar days, persons aged 18+):

Per the Georgian Revenue Service official brochure:

By land/sea entry: goods up to GEL 500 and 30 kg total weight (non-food), plus food products up to GEL 500 and 30 kg per calendar day.

By air entry: goods up to GEL 3,000 and 30 kg total weight (non-food), plus food products up to GEL 500 and 30 kg per calendar day.

Tobacco (by any entry): 200 cigarettes OR 50 cigars OR 50 cigarillos OR 250 grams of other tobacco products, or a proportional combination not exceeding 100% of any individual limit.

Alcohol (by any entry): 1 litre of spirits (22%+ ABV) OR 2 litres of lower-strength alcohol (under 22% ABV) OR a proportional combination, OR 4 litres of wine; AND 16 litres of beer.

Goods exceeding limits: Imported goods exceeding allowances by weight are taxed at GEL 1 per kilogram.

Currency declaration: Funds of more than GEL 30,000 or its foreign equivalent must be declared to customs authorities.

Firearms and ammunition: Require a permit from official bodies in Georgia depending on the category.

Medication: Medication containing narcotic and psychotropic substances must be accompanied by a prescription.

Antiques and art: Export and import of antiques and art objects require authorization from the Ministry of Culture.

Consignment Instructions

Recommended: Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air, sea, and overland shipments.

Georgia is one of the easiest countries for customs clearance in the region. The government has invested heavily in simplifying customs procedures as part of broader economic liberalization. Nearly 90% of goods carry a 0% tariff rate, and the process for household goods for permanent residents is straightforward.

Ports of entry: Poti and Batumi (Black Sea coast) for sea freight. Tbilisi International Airport for air freight. Overland entry points from Turkey (Sarpi, Vale), Armenia (Sadakhlo), and Azerbaijan (Red Bridge/Tsiteli Khidi).

Storage: Customs storage charges apply after 5 free days at approximately GEL 10 per day.

Occupied territories: Abkhazia and South Ossetia are occupied territories with separate de facto border controls. Goods shipped to these regions do not pass through Georgian customs in the normal sense and require special arrangements.