

Kyrgyzstan

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Documents

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

All Non-Diplomatic Shipments

- Copy of passport
- Copy of visa (valid for the duration of stay)
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / air waybill (AWB)
- Packing list
- Valued inventory in English or Russian
- Letter of employment
- Letter to Customs Committee (format provided by destination agent)
- Photographs of each cultural item imported (2 copies per item)

Diplomats

- All of the above
- Copy of diplomatic card

Specific Information

No general duty-free exemption for household goods. All non-diplomatic shipments are subject to customs fees and duties. This applies equally to returning citizens, who must also pay full duties and taxes.

EAEU member state: Kyrgyzstan is a member of the Eurasian Economic Union (with Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus, and Armenia). Goods moving between EAEU member states are exempt from customs duties.

Customs charges (non-EAEU shipments):

- Customs fee: 0.15% of CIF value
- Customs duty: USD 0.15 per kg net weight (on air and surface shipments)
- VAT: 12% (applied to CIF value plus duty and fee)

Consumables are prohibited under temporary importation but can be imported under a permanent regime.

Diplomats receive duty-free entry with proper documentation.

Photographs of cultural items: Two copies of photographs of each cultural item (artwork, antiques, artefacts) must accompany the shipment for Customs records. This is a distinctive Kyrgyzstan requirement.

Duties & Taxes

Duty-free thresholds for personal goods (EAEU rules):

- Air transport: goods up to EUR 10,000 and 50 kg
- Other transport (road, rail, post): goods up to EUR 500 or 25 kg
- Excess above these thresholds is subject to duty at 15% of value but not less than EUR 2 per kg

Prohibited & Restricted Items

Prohibited Items

- Weapons of any kind
- Pornography
- Narcotics
- Toxic and radioactive materials
- Flammables and explosives
- Extremist materials or content threatening public security
- Items containing Freon (EAEU regulation)

Restricted / Dutiable Items

Wine and spirits: Maximum 1 litre duty-free.

Foodstuffs: Restricted; subject to duties and inspection. Consumables cannot be imported under a temporary regime.

Cultural items (artwork, antiques, artefacts): Permitted but require 2 photographs per item for Customs records. A separate valued inventory entry for each cultural item is recommended.

Cash and monetary instruments: EAEU rules apply. Cash exceeding USD 10,000 (or equivalent) must be declared at the border.

Consignment Instructions

Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air, surface (road/rail), and postal shipments.

Landlocked country. Kyrgyzstan has no seaport. Surface shipments typically arrive by road or rail, often transiting through Kazakhstan (via Almaty) or China. Air freight arrives at Manas International Airport (Bishkek). The most common shipping routes are through the port of Poti (Georgia) or Lianyungang (China) for sea-to-land transit, or via Almaty for consolidated loads.

Inventory requirements: A valued inventory in English or Russian is required. Cultural items require photographs (2 copies each). The letter to the Customs Committee and the letter of employment must be prepared in advance; the destination agent provides the format.

EAEU transit: Goods transiting through other EAEU member states (typically Kazakhstan) to reach Kyrgyzstan move under EAEU transit customs procedures. The destination agent coordinates the transit declaration.

Air freight weight threshold: Non-diplomatic air freight shipments over 50 kg are subject to an import tax of EUR 4 per kg. This significantly increases cost for heavy air shipments and should be factored into the move estimate.