

Tajikistan

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Documents

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

Required Documents

Note: Do not include insurance certificates or any other documents showing the value of household goods in the shipment. Documents indicating declared values can trigger the assessment of heavy import duties.

- Copy of passport
- Copy of visa (foreigners and diplomats)
- Copy of diplomatic card or confirmation of employment
- Airway Bill, CMR, or SMGS (as applicable)
- Shipping invoice
- Detailed packing list
- Power of Attorney (sample provided by the destination agent in Tajikistan)
- Export Customs Declaration from the country of origin

Specific Information

Foreign nationals coming to Tajikistan to execute projects or contracts must arrive on employment visas. Household goods accompanying or following an employment visa holder may qualify for duty-free entry under the preferential customs procedure for private individuals.

Under Tajikistan's preferential customs procedure, goods not intended for business activities are admitted with complete exemption from customs duties when: the total declared customs value does not exceed USD 1,000 in equivalent terms, and the total weight does not exceed 50 kilograms per person. For shipments exceeding either the USD 1,000 value threshold or the 50 kg weight threshold, the general customs clearance procedure and payment of customs duties and taxes applies.

All wood packaging materials (crates, pallets, lift vans) must be fumigated. ISPM 15-compliant fumigation with either methyl bromide or heat treatment is required; the appropriate ISPM 15 mark must be affixed.

Prohibited & Restricted Items

Prohibited Items

- Firearms, weapons, and ammunition of any type PERMIT REQUIRED for licensed purposes
- Narcotics and controlled substances
- Obscene literature and pornographic material
- Wildlife products (ivory, horns, skins, etc.) CITES
- Drones (unmanned aerial vehicles)
- Toxic materials

- Radioactive materials
- Motor vehicles manufactured before 2013 (HS codes 8702, 8703, 8704, 8705)

Items on this list will be confiscated and fines will be levied.

Restricted / Dutiable Items

- Alcohol (wine and spirits): 2 litres per person permitted for personal consumption; quantities in excess are subject to duty. Contact the destination agent before including any alcohol in a shipment — current inspection requirements may affect clearance timelines.
- Tobacco: 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars, or 500g of tobacco may be imported free of duty per person.
- New items and commercial quantities: subject to standard customs duties and taxes under the general customs clearance procedure.
- Goods exceeding USD 1,000 in total value or 50 kg in total weight: subject to general customs clearance and payment of duties regardless of personal effects status.
- Currency: foreign currency above permitted limits must be declared on arrival.

Consignment Instructions

Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences between air, road, and rail shipments.

Do not include insurance certificates or other documents indicating the value of household goods in the shipment — this can trigger substantial additional duties. The Power of Attorney required for customs clearance must match the sample format provided by the destination agent in Tajikistan.

All wood packing materials must be fumigated and carry the ISPM 15 mark.

For motor vehicles, confirm the vehicle's year of manufacture complies with the post-2012 requirement before booking. Contact the destination agent to confirm current duty rates and clearance procedures before any shipment is arranged.