

IMPORTATION REGULATIONS ON HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS SHIPMENTS IN GEORGIA (Tbilisi).

- The consignee should be present at the destination and **must** have a valid Georgian visa.
- In case the consignee is employed by a company and the company is mentioned as the consignee, it **must** be registered in Georgia.
- Household goods and personal effects are considered as commercial cargo in Georgia and are subject to payment of import customs duties (12%), fee and VAT (18%). **Some companies, Most Humanitarian Organisation and all Embassies are exempted from paying duties** on Household goods and personal effects.
- All import duties are charged on C.I.F. (cost, insurance and freight) value.
- Importation of pets is allowed but the following documents are required:
 1. Vaccination Certificate
 2. Veterinary Certificate
- Auto cars and motorcycles can be legalised on temporary import basis for a period of one year. It is possible to extend this temporary import for an additional year maximum.
In case of temporary import the consignee is exempt from import duties (12% from the valued inv. CIF/ TBILISI), but has to provide a bank guarantee for the amount of VAT (18% from the Valued inv. CIF /TBILISI.) for the period of the temporary import.
- Temporary imported auto car and motor cycles must be exported out of Georgia at the end of expire date of Temporary import.
- Permanent import of auto cars and motorcycles are subject to the tax and duties as per customs tariff.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION FOR IMPORT OF CARPETS, PAINTING, ART EFFECTS, ANTIQUES AND ITEMS OF HISTORICAL VALUE.

- When importing carpets, paintings, art effect, antiques and item of historical value into Georgia, it is strongly suggested that a set of original photographs per item accompanies the shipping documentation. Duplicate photographs of each item should be sent to your origin agent's office in advance by courier, enabling them to get customs endorsement on the back of each photograph at the time of import customs inspection of the shipment. This will help the owner tremendously to avoid problems with customs authorities at the time of export of these items out of Georgia. **The photograph must have dimensions and value of the item shown, mentioned where possible on the back or front of each photo.**

- Export of locally purchased carpets and paintings is allowed, unless the items are not considered antique and of cultural value. The permission from Georgian Ministry of Culture is required to export locally purchased carpets, paintings, art effect, antiques and other art effects.

Documents required for IMPORT CUSTOMS CLEARANCE Household Goods and Personal Effects:

- AWB or CMR or BOL
- PACKING LIST
- COPY OF PASSPORT
- COPY OF VALID GEORGIAN VISA
- VALUED INVENTORY IN ENGLISH
- POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM YOUR REGISTERED COMPANY IN GEORGIA

Documents required for IMPORT CUSTOMS CLEARANCE of General Cargo:

- AWB or CMR or BOL
- PACKING LIST
- SHIPPING INVOICE (CIF TBILISI)
- POWER OF ATTORNEY
- CERTIFICAT OF ORIGIN
- FUMIGATION CERTIFICAT

IMPORTANT:

- Valued inventory lists are purely required for customs purpose and therefore the value does not have to be the same as used for insurance purpose. However, it is strictly advised not to enclose the list used for insurance purpose along with the shipping documents.

IMPORT OF WINE AND SPIRITS:

The allowance limit for the import of wine and spirits for personal consumption is one litre per head. All in excess is subject to duties and taxes as following:

- US\$1.00/-per litter - excise duty
- Up to 30% of value - customs duty (depending on the % of alcohol)
- 18 % of value - VAT
- 0.2% of value - customs procedures duty.

HELPFUL TIPS:

- If you are unsure whether you have to pay duties or do not know if it is possible to legalise your goods in the regime of temporary import or have any other doubts, regarding your household effect or general cargo, please contact our office prior to sending your shipment.
- Mark the AWB / CMR / BOL very clearly “Used household goods and personal effects”.
- Packing List should be in English or Russian.
- **Do not** attach the inventory list used for insurance purpose with shipping documents enclosed with the shipment.
- Pre-alert along with the copies of the AWB / CMR / BOL, Packing List, Valued Inventories and Shipping Schedules should be sent to our office by fax well in advance.

- Two Photographs per carpets, paintings, art effect, antiques and items of historical value should be taking before packing. One set of photos should accompany the original shipping documents with the shipment and the duplicate copies should be sent to our office in advance of shipment arriving into Georgia. The photograph **must** have dimensions and value of the item shown, mentioned where possible on the back or front of each photo.
- Please ask for consignment instructions before sending the shipment in order to avoid any extra storage/ demurrage charges.

NOTE:

- **It is strongly recommend to issue all the shipping documents very carefully according to the above mentioned instructions, which is time consuming but it will definitely help you to avoid unnecessary delays and heavy storage charges at this end.**
- **As experienced in the past, the customs regulations can change at any time with or without notice. Check with your origin agent for up-to-date regulations.**

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