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SINGAPORE

Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Used household goods & personal effects (non-Singaporean)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packing inventory in English. • Bill of Lading/telex release/air waybill. • Photocopy of owner's passport (picture/detail pgs). • Employment pass (for GST exemption entry). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment pass application, acknowledged by Immigration Department, with letter from employer, will suffice if actual employment pass not in-hand. • GST exemption must be claimed within six months of owners' arrival in Singapore. • GST (Goods & Service Tax), if applied, is 3% of shipper's declared value of goods (used value – NOT insured value). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owner of goods doesn't need to be in Singapore in order to clear goods if all paperwork completed in advance with copy of passport. • Shipments can be cleared without employment pass if owner is willing to pay GST. Shipper must declare, "used value" for tax assessment and don't need to declare full insurance value. • Normal clearance time for FCL sea shipments is 3 working days, air shipments – 2 working days, LCL shipments up to 5 working days.
Used household goods & personal effects (Singapore Nationals)	Same as above.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GST exempt if goods are all for personal use and owner has lived abroad for more than six months. • Proof of employment outside Singapore. 	Proof of employment outside Singapore may be through work visa and immigration endorsements from origin country. Customs does check this.
Diplomatic removal goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packing inventory in English. • Bill of Lading/telex release/air waybill. • Verification in writing from Embassy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embassy's verification. • Duty free entry. 	
Automobiles (Import strongly discouraged unless for diplomatic use)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration Certificate from country of origin. • Insurance papers. • Owner's passport. • Inward declaration permit. • Customs duty payment receipt. • Certificate of Compliance with Exhaust Emission Control Standard. • Temporary certificate of entitlement (COE). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Import is subject to securing a Certificate of Entitlement in open bidding at market rates. • Customs duty is 41% of market value. • Additional Registration fee (ARF) is 150% of the market value. • No car over 3 years old may be imported. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Import of cars is strictly discouraged, unless for diplomatic use. • DO NOT SHIP without first sending the relevant paperwork.
Motorcycles (Import strongly discouraged unless for diplomatic use)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as for automobiles. • Must comply with exhaust emission standard specified in the USA code of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customs duty is 12% of market value. • ARF (Additional registration fee) is 15% of the market value. 	Same as above.



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	federal regulations (40 cfr 86.410-80) and prior to registration must produce certificate of compliance issued by manufacturer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COE required as with automobiles. 	
Firearms (including air-rifles and guns), drugs and narcotics, radio transmitters, pornography		Prohibited.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importation of illicit drugs is subject to imprisonment and death penalty. • Prescription drugs are permitted with doctor's certificates.
Swords, knives (ornamental only)	Permit, issued by Arms & Explosive Authority.		
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	Must be listed in import application with number of bottles, type of alcohol, per cent alcohol and volume.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Import duties will be applied according to type: • Wine, still approx US\$ 6.00/litre. • Wine, sparkling approx US\$ 8.00/ litre. • Spirits approx US\$ 19.00/litre. • Tobacco approx US\$ 150.00 per kg Above subject to GST of 5% (or the applicable rate imposed by the Government).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duty rates are approximatively based on current exchange rates and import duties. Subject to change. • Mis-declaring content to avoid taxes is not recommended.
Video tapes, laser discs, video discs (visual)	Detailed listing of all titles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Import is allowed but subject to screening by authorities prior to release. • Charges for screening are approximately US\$ 4.00 per hour per tape. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally, cartoons and other children's tapes are passed over from screening. • Nudity, strong language, culturally insensitive subject matter is more likely to be edited. Editing charges are additional.
Swords and large knives (ornamental – weapons appearance)		Arms & Explosive Authority must issue permit prior to release by Customs.	Mis-declaring contents to avoid licensing are not recommended.